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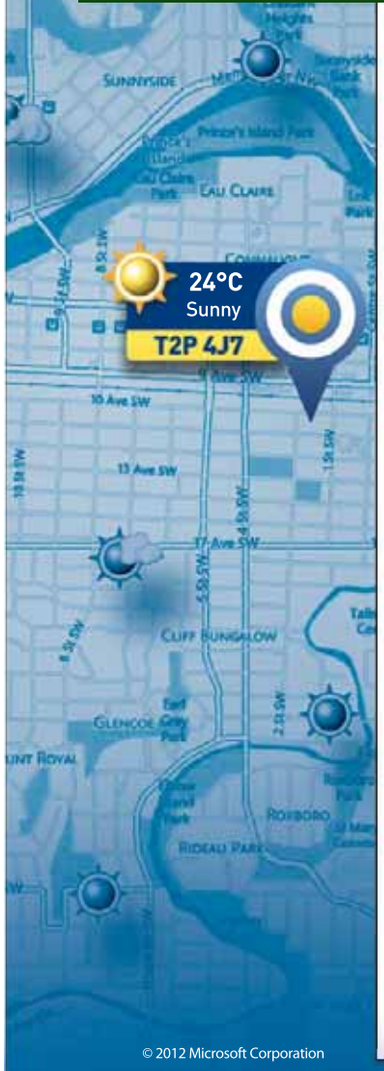

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Round and round on the ring road

Not seeing eye to eye. Tsuu T'ina Nation and province refrain from talk of timeline for southwest leg as hotel plans unveiled

Calgary community advocates are suggesting the southwest ring road is the best way to answer traffic demand created by major development plans on Tsuu T'ina Nation, but the province and band members will only say negotiations are ongoing.

The nation announced plans for a hotel and concert complex next to its profitable Grey Eagle Casino Tuesday and Chief Sandford Big Plume confirmed a long-term goal to establish a big-box retail centre and office space nearby.

Area residents, however, might be fearing a case of déjà vu, said Amy Lonsberry with the Lakeview Community Association. When the Grey Eagle opened in 2007, many motorists complained of congestion near the access road, especially during rush hour.

Upgrades undertaken by the city have improved traffic flow since, but Lonsberry now worries the roadways will again be clogged with added attractions on Tsuu T'ina.

"The timeline (for the hotel) is a concern for us," Lonsberry said, noting the nation hopes to unveil the concert complex late next year and the hotel in 2014.

Big Plume, however, said a traffic-calming study conducted in April determined the expansion would have little impact on Calgary's roadways.

"If there was an issue, we would deal with it," he said.

Furthermore, the chief said recent talks of a ring-road route through the Tsuu T'ina with the premier and Transportation Minister Ric McIver have been "very encouraging."

Reached Tuesday afternoon, McIver offered little insight on the progress for a ring-road deal.

"There's no such thing as close; there's done and not done," McIver said. "So far, we're not done."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

New hotel

- **Latest development.** For more details on the Tsuu T'ina nation's new hotel, head to page 3.

Chief Sandford Big Plume addresses dozens in attendance Tuesday for the announcement of a hotel and concert complex on Tsuu T'ina Nation next to the Grey Eagle Casino. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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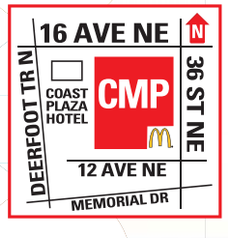

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Development. Casino profit helps reserve build resources

Tsuu T'ina Nation members will reap the rewards of a $65-million expansion project announced Tuesday, according to the band chief.

Sandford Big Plume said 70 young adults from Tsuu T'ina have already been given the chance to pursue a post-secondary education degree as a result of proceeds from the five-year-old Grey Eagle Casino and a few other developments on the reserve.

A subsidized housing program has also been established through earnings from the venue, which draws a $40-million profit annually.

Now, the aim is to develop a 2,000-seat entertainment complex that will be ready for performers by late next year, as well as a 178-room, 4.5-star hotel to open in 2014.

Concept drawings on display Tuesday indicate the facilities will be located on either side of the Grey Eagle and each feature their own parking lot. The hotel will also feature conference and banquet space.

"This is for the kids ... at Tsuu T'ina, half of our population is under 22," Big Plume said.

"The need that we have for housing programs and education will grow rapidly."

The expansion fulfils the next step in a master plan for the northeast section of Tsuu T'ina, which runs right up against Calgary city limits. Further development down the road could see the addition of a big-box retail centre and office space.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Venue revenue

$40M

The Grey Eagle Casino on the Tsuu T'ina Nation reserve draws a $40-million profit annually.

Pilot project. Pair of natural-gas buses takes on Calgary's winter wrath

Calgary's first pair of natural-gas-powered buses is due to arrive in December as part of an 18-month pilot project.

Transit officials plan to run four such buses over a period of two winters to see how the vehicles hold up under Calgary's temperature swings.

The buses cost roughly $450,000 each, compared to about $400,000 apiece for diesel buses, aldermen heard during a committee meeting Tuesday. The natural-gas vehicles are expected to cost $11,000 less per year to operate, however, and have an 18-year life span.

Also in the works is an $8-million "dual-fuel" maintenance facility. "We'll be able to use it for both diesel buses and CNG (compressed natural gas vehicles)," transit director Doug Morgan said.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

En route. Lougheed's hearse to pass by his favourite landmarks

The hearse carrying former Alberta premier Peter Lougheed's body is to pass by two landmarks that were special to him as it returns to Calgary.

The province says the motorcade will drive by Rutherford House and Knox-Metropolitan United Church, both in Edmonton.

Lougheed stayed at Rutherford House while he was attending the University of Alberta and he and his wife, Jeanne, were married at the church.

Lougheed has been lying in state at the Alberta legislature since Monday after his death in a Calgary hospital last week.

The province says 1,200 people came to pay their respects on the first day.

A public memorial is planned for Friday in Calgary.

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Mission fire a suspected arson and homicide: Cops

No suspects. Police don't believe anyone living in the home was responsible for the fire

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Last week's fire in a Mission rooming house that killed one man was deliberately set, according to police, making the death a homicide.

Firefighters pulled 57-year-old Daniel McWha unconscious from an upstairs bedroom on Sept. 12. He later died in hospital.

Police confirmed Tuesday that the fire was the result of arson and McWha died of fire-related injuries.

"We don't think it's random," Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said of the blaze. "It was specifically set inside this residence."

Whether there was intent to kill remains under investigation, Miller added. Police have no suspects and are seeking information from the public.

Seven people living in the residence, including the deceased, were participants in the Alpha House addictions program, executive director Kathy Christiansen told Metro.

Miller said the surviving residents were all interviewed by police and are not considered suspects.

Investigation

- **Suspect search.** Police are looking for previous tenants of the rooming house and people who had regular access to the home.
- **Assistance.** Anyone with information about the fire is asked to contact police or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

Residents

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The number of people living in the rooming house prior to the fire. Survivors have co-operated with the investigation.

Staff Sgt. Grant Miller of the Calgary Police Service homicide unit is asking anyone with information about the fatal Sept. 12 fire in the 300 block of 25th Avenue S.W. to come forward. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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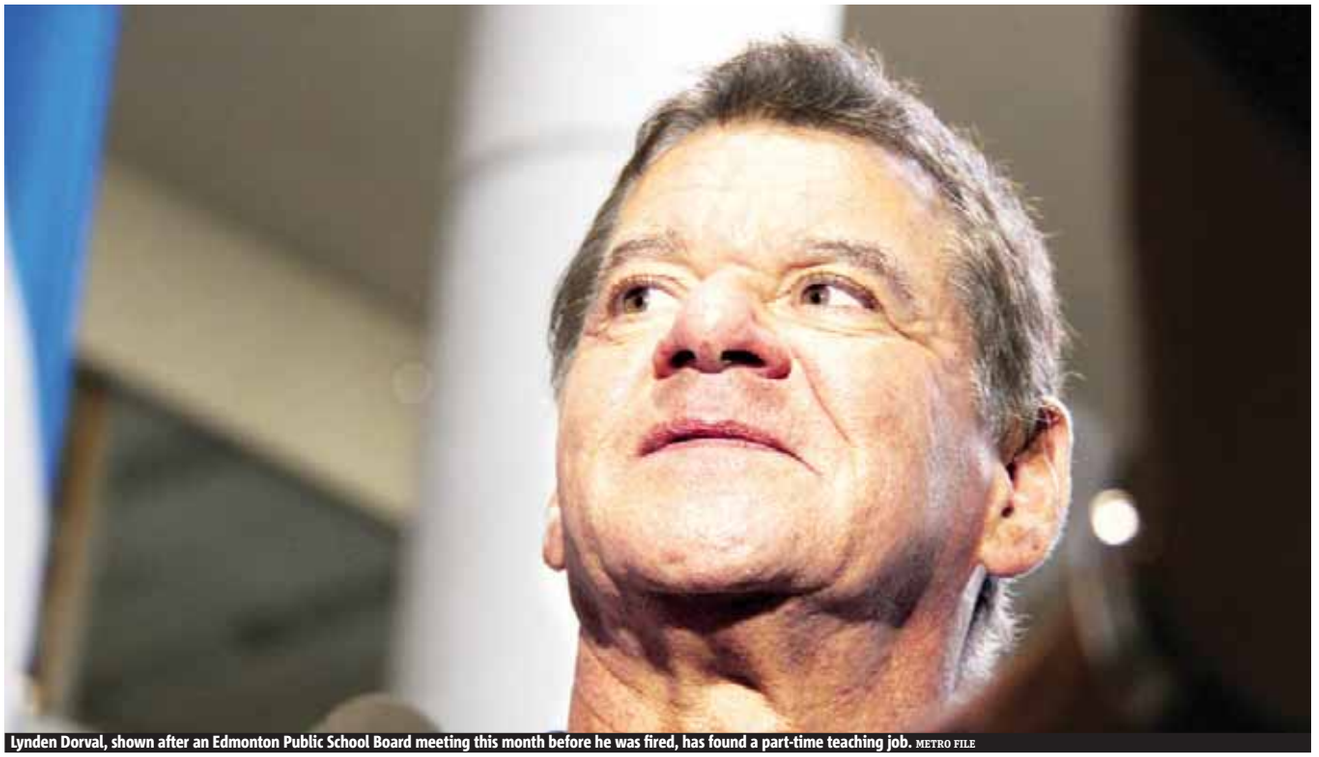
It's been a rough couple of weeks for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney. Scan the code to see yet another behind-the-scenes video that has shocked critics, this one allegedly capturing Romney talking about Chinese workers.



Lynden Dorval, shown after an Edmonton Public School Board meeting this month before he was fired, has found a part-time teaching job. METRO FILE

Edmonton's zero hero lands new teaching gig

All for noughts. Headmaster of Tempo School says zero grades can be handed out

HEATHER MCINTYRE
Metro in Edmonton

The Edmonton teacher fired for handing out zeros to students who failed to hand in assignments has found a new job.

Lynden Dorval, who was terminated from Ross Sheppard High School by the superintendent of the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) last week, accepted a part-time position at Tempo School, a provincially accredited private school in the Riverbend area.

"We just talked about it this morning, so we haven't worked out all the details," Dorval said on Tuesday. "But it looks like I'll be teaching at least a couple of days a week."

Dorval said he will probably teach advanced-placement physics to Grade 11 and 12 students.

"It will just be nice to get back into the classroom," he said. "Teaching higher-level physics has always been more interesting, and the students (at Tempo) are fairly high achievers, much like my IB (international baccalaureate) class that I had at Shep. I enjoyed that a lot."

Dr. Peter Mitchell, headmaster of Tempo School, said he has been looking for a physics teacher for several weeks.

"It struck me (Monday) that there is a clearly qualified physics teacher who is looking for work, so I gave Lynden a call," he said.

Mitchell said he doubts any Tempo students will fail to hand in assignments, but he did make it clear Dorval is free to hand out zero grades.

Dorval starts on Oct. 16, the day after his EPSB contract officially ends.

He said he still plans to appeal his termination from Ross Sheppard High School.

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1982 case. No parole for B.C. killer in Alberta prison

A man convicted of murdering an entire family from British Columbia apologized on Tuesday for his horrific actions, but it wasn't enough to secure his release from prison.

The National Parole Board ruled that David Shearing still has violent sexual fantasies, hasn't completed sex-offender treatment and is not ready for freedom.

"It's quite hard to imagine any crimes more serious or more reprehensible than the ones you committed," the board said after a hearing at Bowden prison, north of Calgary. "There still is present a large number of risk concerns."

Shearing shot and killed George and Edith Bentley, their daughter Jackie and her husband, Bob Johnson, while the family was on a camping trip in the B.C. Interior in 1982.

He kept the Johnsons' daughters Janet, 13, and Karen, 11, alive for almost a week and sexually assaulted them before taking them into the woods, one at a time, and killing them, too.

All six bodies were stuffed in the Johnsons' car, which was rolled down a hill and torched.

Shearing, who now goes by his mother's maiden name of Ennis, pleaded guilty and received the maximum sentence of life without chance of parole for 25 years.

He told the parole board he is sorry for what he did.

"My actions will always cause me to feel an overwhelming sense of shame and a lifetime of pain and regret. I am and always will be deeply sorry for the loss I caused them," he said.

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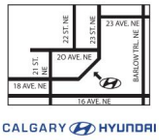

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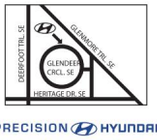

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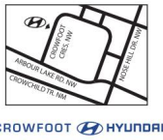

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Chris Doucher and Ellen Fader of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation pose with some of the thousands of comic books Doucher donated Tuesday. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY ELLEN FADER

Calgary collector donates comics to children's hospital

Prized collection. Chris Doucher has been saving comic books since 1998

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One Calgary comic book collector is passing up a payout to ensure his prized collection is put to good use.

Chris Doucher donated more than 2,500 comic books to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation Tuesday — a donation worth approximately $9,000.

"My daughter, a year or so ago, had a couple scares," he said. "One night, after no sleep at three in the morning, it sort of dawned on me ... my daughter gets to go home today but there are kids here that don't get to go home for a month."

Doucher said that when he was a youngster, he used comic books as an escape, which he hopes the kids at the Alberta Children's Hospital can do as well.

"If you're having a bad day at school ... I would just bury my head into a couple comics and forget about it," he said. "It really got me into reading."

Director of development for annual and planned giving Patty Bambrick said they've never received a comic book donation of that quantity at the hospital previously.

"Reading these (comics) are another opportunity to let their mind go somewhere else," she said.

In addition to reading material, she added, the comics may be used for prizes at the hospital's bingo night.

As an avid collector since the late '90s, Doucher said he donated all but roughly 300 of his most prized comics.

The mother load

$9,000

Chris Doucher's donated comic-book collection of more than 2,500 issues is worth an estimated $9,000.

Fanboy

Doucher is co-owner and managing editor of a website called comicbooktherapy.com.

- He said the comics likely range in price from about $3-$20.
- Roughly 95 per cent of his collection was donated to the hospital.

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Poverty reduction. Ribbon cut on $20-million CUPS headquarters

Now with three times the space to operate, a Calgary poverty-reduction group is ready to get down to business.

The Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS) cut the ribbon on its new headquarters Tuesday after a $20-million move made necessary by the recently completed construction of Encana's Bow building.

The difference in this situation compared to others, according to Mayor Naheed Nenshi, is an innovative land swap worked out between CUPS and Encana that proved to be win-win for everyone.

"This is a really great example of partnerships between the private sector, government and the non-profit sector," Nenshi said.

CUPS will now be able to "vastly" expand the outreach services it provides, with a particular focus on vulnerable children, the mayor said.

The new headquarters at 1001-10th Ave. S.W. opens as the society is dealing with an increased demand for its programs, said executive director Darlene Connelly.

In recent years, CUPS had begun farming some of its work to satellite sites; however, the new headquarters will now bring everything under one roof.

"Calgary's such a vibrant city and such a growing city ... When you see an initiative like this, it's a community coming together," she added.

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CUPS executive director Carlene Donnelly, from left, Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and society board chair Michael Lang. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Trial delay

Vader case put over again

The case of a man accused of killing an Alberta couple two years ago has been put over to Oct. 2.

Travis Vader's lawyer told court in the community of Edson that he needs more time to go over the file.

Vader is charged in the first-degree murders of Lyle and Marie McCann of St. Albert, just north of Edmonton.

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Pipeline

First Nation lawyers question Gateway benefits

Questions are being raised at hearings on Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline about whether the massive project's economic benefits have been exaggerated.

Lawyers for the Haisla First Nation say Enbridge has been using two different estimates for how much the supply of crude oil from Alberta will grow over the coming decades.

A higher estimate results in a larger figure for how much oil producers stand to benefit from the pipeline.

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Free the children. We Day announces big names coming to Calgary

Students will be treated to an impressive lineup of performers and speakers at the upcoming Free The Children's We Day in Calgary.

Scotiabank Saddledome will host Calgary's first We Day — an event that brings together thousands of students and educators in a stadium setting to engage youth in global issues.

It was announced Tuesday that former president of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev, as well as performers such as Hedley and Lights, and athletes Theo Fleury and Rick Hansen will be amongst the speakers and artists hitting the stage in Calgary.

"We are thrilled to bring We Day to Alberta and provide local students with a platform to become active global citizens," said Craig Kielburger, founder of Free The Children in a release. METRO

Packed Saddledome

- More than 18,000 students from 500 schools will hear the invited guests on We Day.
- We Day Alberta will be taking place on Oct. 24

On TV

Calgary edition of Undercover Boss to air Oct. 11

Calgary-based company Tervita will be featured on an upcoming episode of Undercover Boss Canada, set to air next month.

The local environmental and energy-services company is part of the latest season of the show, which disguises executives as new workers to be trained by existing employees. The Tervita episode will air on the W network on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

Other companies featured on Season 2 of Undercover Boss Canada include Purdy's Chocolate and Home Hardware. METRO

Sea of pink parades in honour of breast-cancer survivors

Over 200 participants wearing pink paraded through Bankers Hall and Stephen Avenue on Tuesday in honour of breast-cancer survivorship in advance of Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. CELESTE DE MUELENAERE/FOR METRO

Combatting cancer. Safeway announces Pink Ribbon Pin Ups calendar campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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Emotions were high as over 200 "sea of pink" ladies proudly displayed signs attesting to their breast-cancer survivorship as they paraded through Bankers Hall and Stephen Avenue on Tuesday.

The ninth annual Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation Survivors Parade marked a new milestone in the organization's survivorship category as some participants toted "15 years and up" signs of cancer-free living.

In partnership with Canada Safeway, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation unveiled its latest addition to its fundraising efforts: the Pink Ribbon Pin Ups calendar that will be sold in 214 Safeway stores across Western Canada starting Wednesday until the end of October. Safeway Canada representative Renee Hopfner said at the event: "Our goal is to raise over $200,000 from the sale of these calendars alone."

But, she added, the dual goal of the calendars is also to inspire and raise awareness.

Food Network celebrity Chef Ricardo, whose wife was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago, will also be aiding in the fundraising efforts by providing a limited-edition booklet featuring family recipes to Safeway customers who donate $2 during the month of October.

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"Food is the heart of the family. It helps you be together, be tight and say we will fight this together."

Chef Ricardo on providing Safeway customers with a booklet of recipes for a $2 donation to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation

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England

Fugitive allegedly kills two officers

Two unarmed officers were gunned down by a wanted fugitive in the Manchester area of northern England on Tuesday, police alleged.

Chief Const. Peter Fahy says that Fiona Bone — a 32-year-old who was planning her wedding — and Nicola Hughes, 23, died shortly after the gunman opened fire and set off a grenade in Hattersley, a suburb about 16 kilometres from central Manchester.

The man alleged to have carried out the killings, 29-year-old Dale Cregan, surrendered at a local police station shortly after the incident and was booked on suspicion of murder. Cregan had already been the focus of a manhunt as a suspect in two murders last month.

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Discovery

Ancient text refers to Jesus's wife: Prof

A Harvard University professor has unveiled a fourth-century fragment of papyrus that she says is the only existing ancient text that quotes Jesus explicitly referring to having a wife.

Karen King, an expert in the history of Christianity, says the text contains a dialogue in which Jesus refers to "my wife," whom he identified as Mary. King says the fragment of Coptic script is a copy of a gospel, probably written in Greek in the second century.

King unveiled the fragment of the "Gospel of Jesus's Wife" in Rome on Tuesday. She says it doesn't prove Jesus was married but speaks to issues of family that faced Christians.

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Labour dispute

Chicago teachers to return to classes

Chicago's teachers agreed Tuesday to return to the classroom after more than a week on the picket lines, ending a spiteful stalemate with Mayor Rahm Emanuel that put teacher evaluations and job security at the centre of a national debate about the future of public education.

Union delegates voted to formally suspend the strike after discussing details of a proposed contract settlement worked out over the weekend. Classes could resume as early as Wednesday.

The contract will now be submitted to a vote by the full membership of more than 25,000 teachers.

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Official mulls regulation of parties' voter databanks

The federal election watchdog is examining whether regulations are needed to control the use — and abuse — of the voter-identification databanks assembled by political parties.

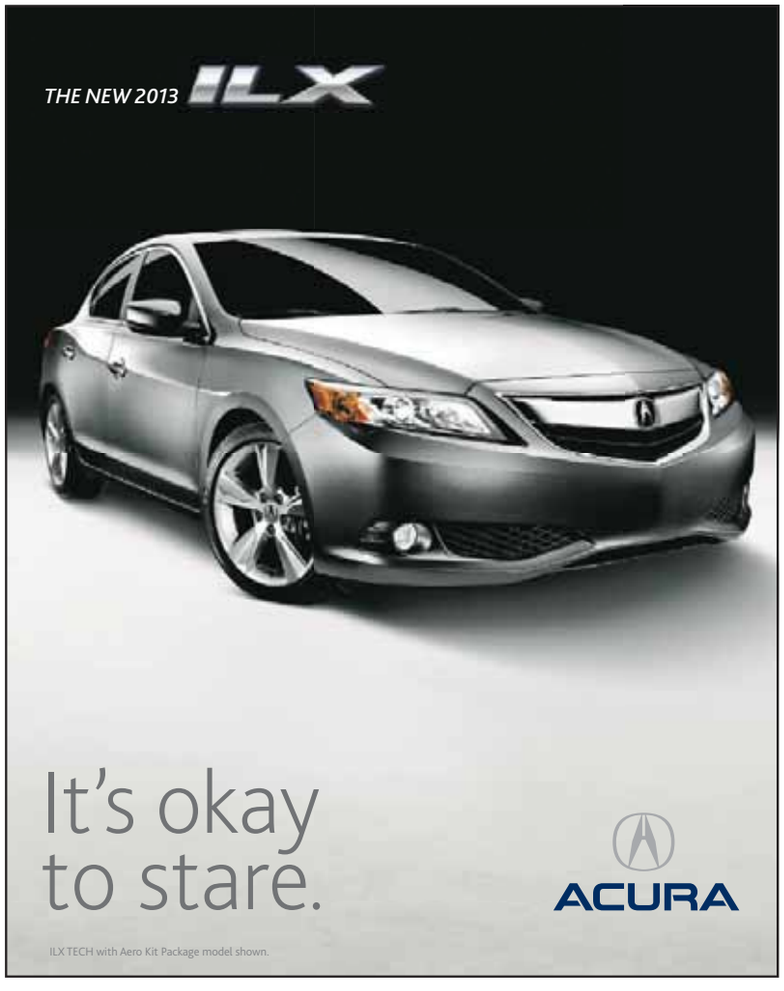
Chief electoral officer Marc Mayrand acknowledged Tuesday that technology has enabled politicians to communicate with and engage voters more easily.

But it also has a downside, as the so-called robocall affair has exposed.

Elections Canada has received almost 1,400 complaints from voters who say they received automated calls misdirecting them to polling stations for the 2011 election.

Court documents have revealed that the ongoing investigation appears to centre on the Ontario riding of Guelph, though the agency has received complaints from voters in 234 of the country's 308 federal ridings.

Mayrand says he'll report to Parliament by the end of March with recommendations on how to improve election law to prevent the abuse of technology, such as automated phone messages. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Diane Klich, who attempted to cycle across Canada to raise money for children with cancer but broke her collarbone, is undeterred. ALEKSANDRA SAGAN/FOR METRO

Hurt cyclist still eager to go that extra mile for kids

Cross-Canada ride. Woman suffered broken collarbone while raising money for cancer research

Diane Klich was supposed to be cycling another gruelling leg of a 7,000-km journey across Canada today, raising money for children with cancer. Instead, she ended up in hospital after a road accident ended her ride.

While the crash broke her collarbone, her spirit remains intact and she is determined to continue fundraising and eventually finish the trip.

"Me going through one surgery at the age of 37 and my first broken bone is nothing in comparison to what these kids go through," said Klich, her right arm tightly fastened to her chest. "They go through hundreds of treatments and surgeries. Their childhoods are robbed from them."

A newbie cyclist, Klich embarked on the ride with more than 20 others after she realized how cancer has affected so many people in her life. She trained all summer for the 17-day event. But last Friday near Sudbury, two men in her tight travelling pack fell in front of her.

"I knew I was going down," she said. "There wasn't a lot of wiggle room where I was."

She suffered a compound fracture in her collarbone and was forced to return home and await surgery. All this one week before she was due to cross the finish line in Halifax.

Although she was devastated to abandon the once-in-a-lifetime ride, she says she knew she had achieved her primary goal.

"We were out there to raise awareness and we were out there to raise money, and I did both of those things."

Each national rider is responsible for raising $25,000 for the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation. The organization donates 100 per cent of the proceeds to fund cancer research at Canada's pediatric facilities.

So far, Klich has raised more than $73,000 and she is not ready to stop. She has organized two "Inside Ride" events at schools in the fall where kids will cycle on stationary bikes. The proceeds will be added to her fundraising total. Next year, she hopes to complete another four-day cycling event for the organization.

There is also the possibility of "finishing" the cross-Canada cycle next summer, she says. Relay racers often join the other riders for shorter portions of the journey. Klich is considering cycling the Barrie–to–Halifax leg next year — the portion her injury derailed her from.

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Race 101

- Thirty-one national riders signed up to bike across Canada from Sept. 5-21.
- The 17-day ride started in White Rock, B.C., and will finish in Halifax.
- National riders cycle relay-style in two teams. Each biker covers about 150 to 250 km of ground daily, depending on the team.

Windsor. Cash trail trips up alleged thief

Windsor police arrested an alleged thief on Sunday after following a trail of loose change from a cash drawer.

Police were called to a business at around 6:30 a.m. An employee had heard the sound of glass breaking at the front of the building and decided to investigate. When he arrived, he saw a man with a cash drawer from the register. The man ran into the parking lot, got on the employee's bicycle and fled the scene.

The employee tried to chase after him but stopped after being threatened.

A short time later, a witness called to report that they'd seen a man riding a bicycle and holding a cash drawer. The witness saw the man run into a home with loose change falling out of the drawer along the way, according to police.

A trail of change led police in Windsor to an alleged thief. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

When officers arrived, they found change littering the front of the home. Police were speaking to the homeowner at the front door when another resident emerged to tell officers someone was hiding in a bedroom closet.

Police headed inside and found a man hiding under a sheet in a closet, with the cash drawer in hand.

Donald Meloche, 42, is charged with break-and-enter, theft, uttering threats, possession of stolen property and unlawfully being in a dwelling.

PHOEBE HO/FOR METRO

Surgery. Doctors claim first mother-daughter uterus transplants

Two Swedish women are hoping to get pregnant after undergoing what doctors are calling the world's first mother-to-daughter uterus transplants.

Specialists at the University of Goteborg said they performed the surgery over the weekend without complications but added that they won't consider it successful unless the women give birth to healthy children.

"That's the best proof," said Michael Olausson, one of the surgeons.

One of the unidentified women had her uterus removed many years ago because of cervical cancer, while the other was born without a womb. Both are in their 30s.

They will undergo a year of observation before doctors attempt to help them get pregnant via in vitro fertilization. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Past procedures

- **Unsuccessful.** In 2000, doctors in Saudi Arabia transplanted a uterus from a live donor, but it had to be removed three months later because of a blood clot.

Anti-corruption

Cops search McGill University offices

Quebec's anti-corruption squad searched the offices of the McGill University Health Centre on Tuesday looking for information related to the awarding of a contract for a new super hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mexico

Some inmates in tunnel escape found

Officials said Tuesday they have found three inmates thought to have escaped through a tunnel at a northern Mexico border prison, lowering the number of escaped prisoners to 129. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

William and Kate win court case over topless photos

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, drink coconut milk on Tuesday from a tree planted by the Queen in 1982 in the Polynesian island nation of Tuvalu. ARTHUR EDWARDS/GETTY IMAGES

Too late. The photos are already on the Internet and have been published in France, Italy and Ireland

Prince William and Kate's aggressive legal strategy over topless photos of Britain's likely future queen is the first salvo in what could be a decades-long tug-of-war over their family's privacy.

A French court ruled in favour of the royal couple on Tuesday in their fight over the photos, but the scope of that ruling will be limited.

The unauthorized topless photos of Kate have already been widely published in France, Italy, Ireland and on the Internet — lessening the impact of Tuesday's court injunction against future publication inside France.

The revealing pictures will follow Middleton for the rest of her life — not unlike the snapshots of her appearance in a charity fashion show wearing black lingerie and a sheer dress during her university days.

"Clearly, the harm has been done," said Christopher Mesnooh, an American lawyer working in France for Field Fisher Waterhouse.

"Thousands, now tens of thousands of copies, are now in public circulation.

"A legal decision is a wonderful thing to obtain and the royal couple did exactly what they should have done.

"But you know the magazine is out there and I suspect most of you have already seen copies of that magazine, so the basic, the initial harm, has been done."

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Death toll over anti-Islam film rises as unrest continues

Demos, riots, bomb. U.S. produced film depicts Muhammad as a fraud, womanizer and pedophile

Al-Qaida's branch in North Africa on Tuesday called for attacks on U.S. diplomats and an escalation of protests against an anti-Islam video that was produced in the United States and triggered a wave of demonstrations and riots in the Middle East and beyond.

While demonstrations have tapered off in nations including Egypt and Tunisia, protests against the film turned violent in Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir and hundreds of people rallied in Indonesia and Thailand. Some 400 people protested peacefully outside the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand's capital. Protesters carried signs and banners saying, "We love Prophet Muhammad" and "Stop insulting our religion," and chanted, "Down with America" and "Down with Israel."

In Kabul a suicide bomber rammed a car packed with explosives into a mini-bus carrying South African aviation workers to the airport, killing at least 12 people in an attack that a militant group said was revenge for the film Innocence of Muslims, which was made by an Egyptian-born American citizen.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said the attack killed eight South Africans, three Afghans and a Kyrgyzstani.

In Indonesia, about 200 people from various Islamic groups torched an American flag and tires outside the U.S. Consulate in the third largest city of Medan. Some unfurled banners saying, "Go to hell America."

Appearing on David Letterman's show Tuesday night U.S. President Barack Obama said the filmmaker behind the anti-Islam film is a "shadowy character."

The president added that Ambassador Stevens was beloved by a vast majority of Libyans.

U.S. officials describe the video as offensive, but the American government's protection of free speech rights has clashed with the anger of Muslims abroad. Google has blocked access to the video in Libya, Egypt, Indonesia and India.

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Innocence of Muslims

28

Twelve more protesters died in riots in several countries, bringing the total number of deaths linked to the film to at least 28. That includes Christopher Stevens, the U.S. ambassador to Libya, and three other Americans killed in an attack there.

Film clashes in Jerusalem

Masked Palestinians help a colleague during clashes with Israeli security forces, not pictured, in Shuafat refugee camp, Jerusalem on Tuesday. Clashes erupted after a demonstration against a film that ridicules Muhammad. BERNAT ARMANGUE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jordan

Law puts online expression at risk: Critics

Jordan's king has endorsed a controversial new media law that critics say could severely stifle online expression.

The law requires 400 news websites operated by Jordanians to register with the government and obtain licences. It also gives authorities the power to block and censor the sites, and holds publishers and editors liable for posted comments.

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Egypt

Teacher jailed for Facebook posting

A court in southern Egypt has sentenced a Coptic Christian teacher to six years in prison for posting on his Facebook page drawings that it ruled insulted the Prophet Muhammad and comments deemed offensive to the country's president. Beshoi el-Behiri had denied the charges.

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Dubai's iconic Burj Khalifa skyscraper — standing more than 828 metres tall with more than 160 storeys — towers over the city's modern skyline. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Freedom of speech meets Orwellian reproach inside a Middle East newsroom, as Metro copy editor Ali Zafar discovered while working as a reporter for an English-language paper in Dubai

UAE decree widens gulf between news, propaganda

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As a Canadian journalist heading to the Middle East to work for a local newspaper, I expected to face some censorship.

But I got more than I bargained for when I left my post in April as a copy editor for Metro in Toronto to take up a four-month-long stint as a city reporter for the Khaleej Times, an English-language newspaper in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

It began with paragraphs of text conspicuously missing from a story I wrote citing reports that the Saudi Grand Mufti, Sheikh Abdulaziz Al al-Shaikh, the highest authority on Islamic affairs in neighbouring Saudi Arabia, called for the destruction of all churches in the Arabian Peninsula, which is where the UAE is located.

"The grand mufti is off limits," one of the editors told me when I approached him with my story in shambles.

I quickly learned that the mufti wasn't the only subject matter I was to never write about.

The UAE's territorial dispute with Iran — located across the Persian Gulf — over the ownership of several islands also led to a clampdown on stories.

Suddenly, we weren't allowed to call the body of water straddling the UAE the Persian Gulf anymore, as it has been referred to for more than 2,000 years.

It's the Arabian Gulf.

And punishment for misusing the term was swift: We'd likely be fired and subsequently deported (everyone in the newsroom at the time was an expatriate). Unfortunately, a web editor who accidentally let the term Persian Gulf pass through on an online story was put on leave without pay.

I didn't see him in the newsroom again.

If getting rid of the online editor didn't drive home the message, an email — written in all caps — sent out by the executive editor (also an expatriate) to the entire newsroom made it clear to "NEVER EVER USE THE PERSIAN GULF. It is always ARABIAN GULF."

The email went on to say that "nothing derogatory about the UAE should be allowed to appear at any cost," in the online comments section of the newspaper.

Reporters were also told to "not write stories that will damage the image of the UAE."

I was stunned.

It had only been a bit over a month since my move to Dubai and here I was feeling like Winston from George Orwell's 1984.

I began seeing Dubai in a different light while driving home that day.

Everything had an Orwellian aura to it, from Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed's massive portraits plastered across the city, to the unflinching and often forced love the majority of Emiratis — the locals of the UAE — have for their country's leaders.

This archaic take on freedom of expression sharply contrasts with Dubai's over-the-top modernity, which is characterized by superlatives. The world's biggest mall and tallest building are located in Dubai — not to mention the plethora of glistening skyscrapers rising out of the desert.

But while the city's appearance has launched it well into the 21st century, its lack of freedom of speech leaves a void that makes you wonder if all the glitz is nothing more than a mirage in the sand.

Women walk through one of Old Dubai's many souks, or markets, which sharply contrast with the city's state-of-the-art malls. ALI ZAFAR/METRO

Facts about UAE & Dubai

- While the UAE is conservative compared to the West, it's noticeably more progressive than its neighbour Saudi Arabia. Women are allowed to drive in the UAE and there are several churches and Hindu temples.
- The state religion is Islam, and Arabic is the official language, although you can get by on English and, on many occasions, Urdu or Hindi in the urban centres.
- Alcohol is served in most tourist hotspots, and you often hear the Islamic call to prayer not far from the blaring sound of the many nightclubs in Dubai.
- UAE is composed of seven emirates, or states, with each emirate having its own monarch or sheikh.
- The country was formed on Dec. 2, 1971, by the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, considered to be the founding father of the UAE.

- The latest statistics show the UAE has a population of 8.19 million, with 16.5 per cent, or nearly a million of them, Emiratis — making it a country overtaken by expatriates.
- Although there is no legal dress code in the UAE, there has been a recent push by Emiratis to call for more stringent rules on what's deemed appropriate public attire. It's recommended for women to keep arms covered to the elbows, avoid low-cut tops, and wear skirts below the knee. Men should never be bare-chested on city streets and need to avoid wearing sleeveless shirts. At the beach, however, these rules don't apply as you'll see both men and women in swimwear.
- Public displays of affection are frowned upon, and a kiss on the lips can lead you to the police station. There have been cases of couples being jailed, fined and subsequently deported for kissing in public.

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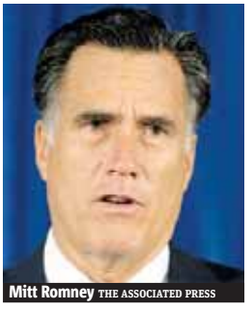
Romney fires back: 'People would like to be paying taxes'

Video leak. Republican explains his remarks about 'dependent' voters, while footage of him claiming Palestinians have no interest in Mideast peace surfaces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Another day, another disaster for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign.

A day after an undercover video that shows him deriding Barack Obama voters as government freeloaders and lifelong victims, additional footage of the Republican telling donors that Palestinians "have no interest" in peace with Israel and suggesting that efforts at Mideast peace under his administration would languish surfaced on Tuesday morning.

The video clips were both posted on the website of Mother Jones magazine. The magazine said they are both from a $50,000-a-plate fundraiser in Boca Raton, Fla., on May 17.

In the latest clip, Romney said Palestinians are "committed to the destruction and elimination of Israel" and that the prospects for a two-state solution to Mideast peace were dim.

"You hope for some degree of stability, but you recognize that this is going to remain an unsolved problem, and we kick the ball down the field and hope that ultimately, somehow, something will happen and resolve it," Romney said.

Romney has not addressed his remarks about the Middle East but he appeared on Fox News to try to explain his remarks about the 47 per cent of Americans who don't pay income tax — most of whom because they don't make enough money.

"I do believe that we should have enough jobs and enough take-home pay such that people have the privilege of higher incomes that allow them to be paying taxes," Romney said Tuesday. "I think people would like to be paying taxes."

Not surprisingly, Obama's re-election team pounced.

"It's hard to serve as president for all Americans when you've disdainfully written off half the nation," said Obama campaign manager Jim Messina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama praises WNBA champions as role models

U.S. President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks during a ceremony honouring WNBA champion Minnesota Lynx on Tuesday in the East Room of the White House in Washington. It's been nearly a year since the Lynx won the championship, but the team's visit was delayed by the Summer Olympics and Obama's busy schedule. Obama told team members they are great ambassadors for the game and strong role models for his own daughters. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2012 presidential race

O'Reilly, Stewart ready to debate

Pick your pundit when Bill O'Reilly and Jon Stewart face off for a special 90-minute debate about the 2012 presidential race.

The host of Fox News Channel's The O'Reilly Factor and the anchor of Comedy Central's fake newscast The Daily Show with Jon Stewart have announced they will clash in the Oct. 6 event, dubbed The Rumble in the Air-Conditioned Auditorium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona

Judge allows police to question immigration status

A judge has ruled that police in Arizona can immediately start enforcing the most contentious section of the state's immigration law, marking the first time officers can carry out a requirement of questioning the immigration status of those suspected of being in the country illegally while enforcing other laws. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tears of relief as sex surgery gets OK

A convicted murderer in Massachusetts says a judge's decision to grant her request for sex-reassignment surgery is "the right thing to do."

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled the surgery is the only adequate treatment for Michelle Kosilek's gender-identity disorder.

The condition, he said, is a "serious medical need."

The ruling is said to be the first time a judge has ordered prison officials to provide sex-reassignment surgery.

But Wolf's ruling prompted an outcry among some legislative leaders, who say Kosilek isn't entitled to the taxpayer-funded surgery.

Kosilek said she cried tears of relief after learning of the judge's ruling.

Kosilek has waged a decades-long battle to complete the transformation from a man into a woman.

"This is who I am. My essence is female," Kosilek declared. She said she endured decades of pain while growing up with a boy's body but feeling like she was a girl

Kosilek was named Robert when married to Cheryl Kosilek and was convicted of killing her in 1990.

She has received female hormones and lives as a woman in an all-male prison in Norfolk.

In his ruling, Wolf found that the Department of Correction had violated Kosilek's Eighth Amendment right to adequate medical care.

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Convicted killer Robert — now Michelle — Kosilek in 1993.

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Occupy rage erupts in Winnipeg

Police encircled. Both sides blame each other as parade unravels in violence on city's busy Portage Avenue

Police and protesters blamed each other Tuesday for a scuffle that erupted during a march marking the one-year anniversary of the Occupy movement.

One man was arrested and taken to a hospital after police in Winnipeg moved in on Monday evening and quickly found themselves encircled.

There are two versions of what happened next: Protesters say officers got heavy-handed, but a police spokesperson says they were facing an unruly crowd.

"Officers were in the process of taking a male into custody when they were swarmed," Patrol Sgt. Wally Antoniuk said Tuesday.

"As a result, a Winnipeg Police Service member was physically assaulted. The male police were arresting escaped custody as a result of the assault."

The encounter was partially captured on video by a protester who streamed the event online.

Police are seen asking the protesters, who totalled a few dozen, who their leader was.

They also ordered them off Winnipeg's busy Portage Avenue and onto a sidewalk.

As officers started taking one man near the head of the parade into custody, other protesters stood around them.

Police are seen turning their attention to the man accused of shoving the officer. As they lead him to a police cruiser, he goes limp.

Harold Shuster, one of the organizers of the protest, said the man suffered a panic attack.

Police deny using a Taser.

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Fashion for a war zone

Spec. Sarah Sutphin adjusts her new body armour while training Tuesday at Fort Campbell, Ky. Female soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, are field-testing the first army body armour designed to fit women's physiques. It's a necessary preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan this fall.

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A Starbucks payment app is shown on a smartphone in Toronto in this May file photo. Ottawa says it is reviewing its code of conduct for credit cards in order to adapt it for smartphone payments. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Feds to adapt credit-card code for mobile payments

Public consultation.
New rules would help small business owners

Ottawa is preparing to amend its code of conduct for credit and debit cards to prepare for the widespread use of mobile payments through such devices as smartphones.

The code of conduct is only two years old, but did not make allowances for the fact that technology would soon allow Canadians to make credit and debit payments not with cards but on mobile devices.

Ted Menzies, the Minister of State for Finance, said Tuesday the government would conduct a public consultation process in the next 60 days to consider how the code can be amended to reflect the new reality.

"Once we have reviewed and evaluated all submissions, we will set about revising the code so that Canadians and small businesses can use mobile payment offerings," he said.

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StatsCan

Job vacancies up from one year ago

Statistics Canada says there were 263,000 job vacancies in June, 20,000 more than in the same month of 2011.

The agency says there were 5.3 unemployed people in Canada for every vacancy, down from 5.8 in June 2011. It says this decline was due to an increase in job vacancies combined with a decline in the number of unemployed.

Provincially, the highest ratio of unemployed to job vacancies was in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Auto industry

CAW keeps talking with GM, Chrysler

Members of the Canadian Auto Workers union are still on the job as negotiators try to hammer out new contracts with Chrysler and General Motors.

The union cancelled a Monday night strike deadline, agreeing to give Chrysler and GM negotiators more time to go over the tentative four-year deal it reached with Ford on Monday. The CAW said the Ford deal sets a pattern it expects the other companies to match.

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Germany

Agency warns of IE security breach

The German government agency overseeing IT safety is warning of a security breach in Microsoft's Internet Explorer.

The Federal Office for Information Security said in a statement that the browser's "weak point is already being used for targeted attacks."

The agency said users of Internet Explorer versions 7, 8 or 9 should switch to alternative browsers until Microsoft updates its browser's security features.

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Sluggish outlook. Canada's economy has entered 'soft patch': TD Bank forecast

Canada's economy has entered a "soft patch" characterized by a housing correction, below trend growth and weak job creation, TD Bank says in its latest forecast.

The chartered bank said Tuesday the economy will barely eke out one per cent growth during the current third quarter that ends Sept. 30, and end the year with a 1.8 per cent overall advance.

That's three-tenths of a point below the bank's previous projection in June, and also shy of the Bank of Canada's 2.1 per cent target.

TD chief economist Craig Alexander said the revision was necessary because global conditions have deteriorated and the domestic economy is also faring worse than expected, in part because of Ottawa's decision to tighten mortgage rules.

Alexander said Vancouver's housing market was actually cooling before the stricter mortgage rules went into effect July 9, but since then the real impact of the changes has been evident. On Monday, the Canadian Real Estate Association reported August sales of existing homes slipped 5.8 per cent from July and were down 8.9 per cent from a year ago.

Quoted

"With no engine firing on all cylinders, economic growth is being held to a meek sub-two per cent rate and the jobless rate is stuck above seven per cent." TD Bank forecast

"That's what we were anticipating. We were saying that we would probably lose about five percentage points in sales and three percentage points in prices nationally," he said.

Aside from housing, most engines of growth have slowed or retreated in the past few months, led by exports but also including Canada's government sector, which has gone into deficit-reduction mode.

In July, Canada posted a record high trade deficit, with exports plunging 3.4 per cent in the face of soft demand in the U.S. and the strong dollar which makes Canadian shipments less competitive.

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Retailing giant: Big Beckham statues come to H&M stores

English soccer player David Beckham is heading to a trio of Canadian cities in statue form. The larger-than-life versions of the star — shown here in Hollywood on Friday — will appear as part of a "statue stunt" with H&M at the Eaton Centre in Toronto, the Pacific Centre in Vancouver and inside the Montreal H&M at Peel and Sainte-Catherine streets from Tuesday until Sunday.

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Trading up. Apple stock hits $700 US milestone

Apple's stock reached $700 US for the first time on Tuesday, setting a record for the company the day after it announced that orders for its iPhone 5 topped two million in the first 24 hours.

The stock traded as high as $701.44 US in the morning, up a quarter of a per cent from Monday's close. It later fell slightly. It had come within 20 cents of $700 on Monday.

The rally in Apple's stock price puts the company's market value at $656 billion.

The $700 mark is somewhat of an arbitrary milestone for Apple's stock, representing little more than a nice round number and a record-high trading level.

The company, after all, already enjoys the distinction as the world's most valuable public company ever. Google Inc., its Silicon Valley neighbour, saw its stock price surpass $700 in 2007.

On Tuesday, Google's stock was trading at $715.24. But the online search leader's market capitalization is well below Apple's at $234.1 billion.

Apple started taking orders for the iPhone 5 at 3 a.m. eastern time Friday.

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By the numbers

$656B

Tuesday's rally put Apple's market value at $656 billion US.

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COMMON DECENCY PREFERRED TO EXPLOITATION

JUST SAYIN'
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No doubt you've been breathlessly following the Case of the Duchess's Nipples, in which the Duchess of Cambridge is photographed without her top on, and when the photos are published, the top of her husband's head blows off.

The heir to the heir to the throne of England must be royally PO'd at the exposure of the crown jewels, especially so soon after the exploits of his brother, Prince Harry the Indiscreet, refused to stay in Vegas.

Now again the headlines are dominated by the exposure of royal private bits, although in this case, the bits have been elevated from common to royal status, which doesn't seem to make them any less valuable to the paparazzi and their customers.

The people are divided: Some believe the duchess should keep her shirt on at all times, as befits her stuck-up station. Others think she should be able to let it all hang out while on vacation, at a private villa, hundreds of metres from a public road, without professional Toms peeping at her through powerful telescopic lenses.

Others are amazed that the royals, naked or otherwise, seem to spend an awful lot of time on vacation, underwritten by the long-suffering British taxpayers.

Missing so far is a discussion of William's feelings. We're all about feelings at Just Sayin', so here goes:

Let us remember that William and Harry's mom, Princess Diana, died while being pursued at high speeds by the paparazzi in a Paris traffic tunnel. No wonder he's furious about the invasion of his wife's privacy. It's happening again, and you and I can only imagine the grief and rage he must be feeling right now.

Like his mother, his wife is being turned into a target, a victim, fresh meat for the tabloids. Kate has done nothing to deserve such vulgar treatment — her behaviour as Junior Royal Superstar has been unassailable, and this is what she gets for playing the game.

If you were William, you'd want to make it stop. So it's not surprising he has filed for — and received — an injunction against the publication of the photos, or that he has sued the photographer.

Not that it will do him any good. The best he can hope for is a continuation of the uneasy truce he and his family enjoy with the British media, chastened and weakened as they are by the phone-hacking scandal. But like the shrunken empire, the truce does not extend beyond the English Channel.

As anyone who reads this column (my family and copy editor?) knows, I'm not a big fan of the Royal Family. Talk about a feudal hangover. But I am a big fan of that endangered species, common decency.

Leave the poor woman and her family alone. Let her adjust her tan lines in peace.

The Duchess of Cambridge is seen visiting Assyakirin Mosque during a Diamond Jubilee tour of the Far East last week. The royals have sued the French magazine that published topless photos of Kate. TIM ROOKE/GETTY IMAGES

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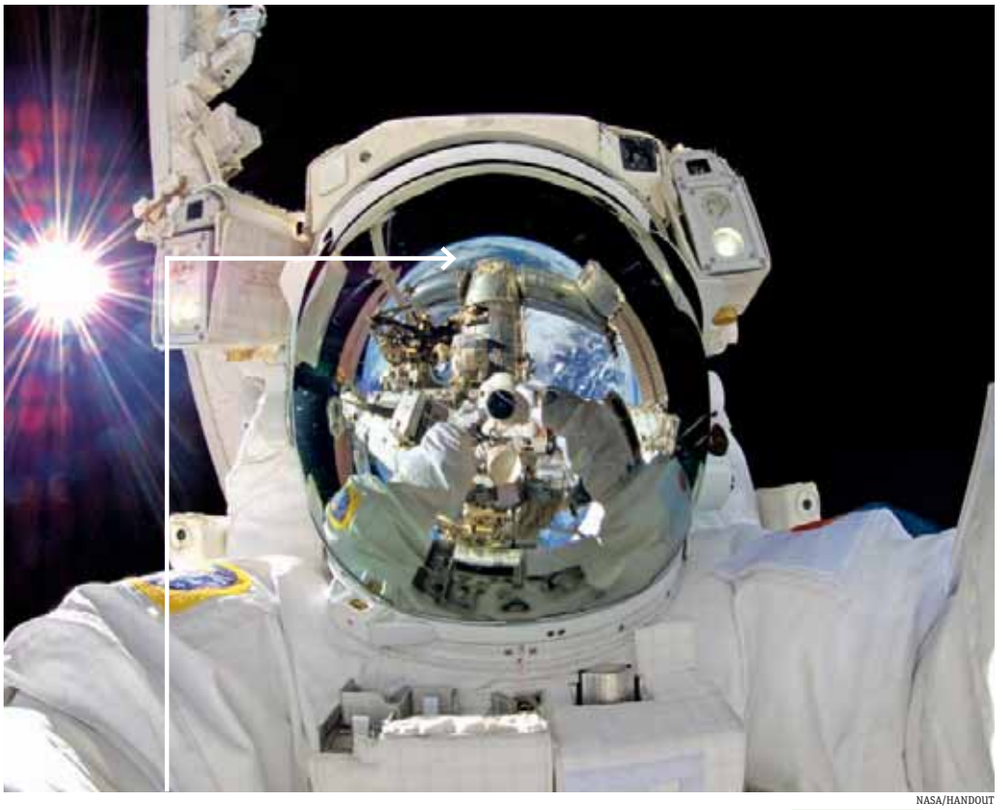

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'Astro'-gram

Spaceman reflects with self-portrait

Everyone loves to take a self-portrait photograph of themselves, astronauts included. International Space Station astronaut Akihiko Hoshide, from Japan, took this stunning snapshot of himself earlier this month during a six-and-a-half-hour spacewalk outside the ISS. The photo was taken using a Nikon DSLR camera. **METRO**

ISS in numbers

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kilometres was the approximate distance from Earth at which Hoshide took his snapshot on top of the International Space Station. He was travelling at roughly 28,000 kilometres per hour, the orbital speed of the ISS.

ISS maintenance

Toothbrush cleans more than just teeth

For Hoshide and colleague, NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, the spacewalk wasn't just a photograph expedition.

The pair had to properly install some bolts and fix an essential solar-power system, and resorted to some makeshift tools — including an improvised wire cleaner and a ordinary toothbrush — to help get the job done.

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Expedition 32

- Three astronauts arrived safely in remote Kazakhstan after 125 days in space.
- Sunita Williams, who holds the record for the longest spaceflight by a woman (195 days), now in charge at ISS, is the second female commander in ISS history. She will return to Earth in November.

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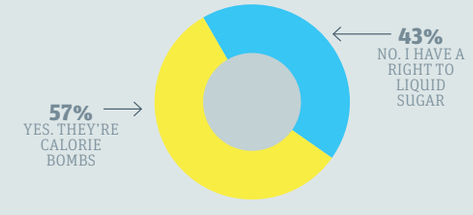

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SCENE 2

Karl Urban stars as the dystopian supercop Judge Dredd in Dredd 3D. HANDOUT

Dredd 3D might make you a Belieber

Bloodbath. Gory movie's score stems from Justin Bieber song played 800 times slower

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Based on the cult British comic books, director Pete Travis's go-for-broke big screen bloodbath Dredd 3D is set to level theatres this Friday.

Starring Karl Urban (Doom, Lord of the Rings) as the titular dystopian supercop, Judge Dredd, shielded by a mask and with full authority to execute evildoers, the film sets up its story like a classic western.

Once Dredd and his rookie sidekick Anderson (Olivia Thirlby) are trapped inside the Peachtree slum by the psychotic drug lord Ma Ma (Lena Headey in a ferocious performance) Dredd must fight for his life by mowing down hundreds of baddies out for his blood.

And though the film is jet black and brutally gory, it is not without its humor says writer Alex Garland (28 Days Later, Never Let Me Go).

"There is humor in Dredd," Garland told Metro immediately preceding its Toronto premiere at TIFF.

"He never smiles. But he does crack jokes. How Karl pitches and delivers that joke is the secret of the performance. He takes the piss. He has an ultra bone dry sense of humour."

Bloodshed, black humour and a bigger body count than Saving Private Ryan aside, there is a beauty and majesty to the film, a bleak poetry — especially evident in its balletic 3D design — that is accentuated by a remarkable meditative electronic score by composer Paul Leonard-Morgan.

Surprisingly, that score stems from an unlikely source: Justin Bieber!

"Geoff Barrow from Portishead is a Dredd fan and he and over the years he'd been putting together music he wrote and put it together as an album called Drokk. Drokk is a swear word in the Dredd books. Anyway, when we were done shooting I showed Geoff an early cut of the film, and he pointed me towards this software he found that makes music run 800 times slower, just like the "slo-mo" drug does to its victims in the movie. He sent me a link to a Justin Bieber song slowed down 800 times and it became this stunning trippy choral music. The whole movie was temped to Justin Bieber, in fact. Paul recreated that Bieber music on his own and slowed it down 800 times and we use that in the movie."

To hear that original Bieber temp music, go to YouTube and search "Justin Bieber 800%". And then get out to a theatre to have your mind further blown by Dredd 3D this Friday.

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‘One last job’ for actor Clint Eastwood

Trouble with the Curve. Veteran actor plays common movie character — one who takes one last gig before retirement

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In Trouble with the Curve, Clint Eastwood plays a baseball scout who brings his daughter, Amy Adams, along as he recruits new players. HANDOUT

Over the course of dozens of movies, Clint Eastwood has played everything from cops and criminals to journalists and radio announcers to cowboys and even an astronaut.

This weekend in Trouble with the Curve he’s playing a character he’s never tried before — sort of.

He’s a baseball scout who brings his daughter (Amy Adams) along as he recruits new players. It’s his first baseball movie, but it isn’t the first time he’s played this kind of role — a man on the proverbial one last job.

The person who comes out of retirement, or takes on one last gig before hanging up his or her spurs, is a common movie character.

Blade Runner, Gone in Sixty Seconds, The Usual Suspects and The Wild Bunch all feature people going in for one last kick at the can.

In Eastwood’s case it’s a case of real life paralleling art to an extent. After Gran Torino, Eastwood announced his retirement from acting, but was coaxed back for one last acting job by his long time collaborator Robert Lorenz, who makes his directing debut with this movie.

Eastwood’s most famous “one last job” film is Unforgiven. He plays William Munny, an aging gunman who tried unsuccessfully to go straight and lead a normal life. “I’m just a fella now,” he says. “I ain’t no different than anyone else no more.”

But when he finds himself broke he saddles up one more time, reluctantly bringing along his old partner Ned (Morgan Freeman) to gun down some bad guys for money. “Just ‘cause we’re goin’ on this killing, that don’t mean I’m gonna go back to bein’ the way I was. I just need the money, to get a new start for them youngsters.”

At the time Eastwood said this would be the last movie that he would both perform in and direct, but has gone on to act in and direct many more, including the “one last time” movie Space Cowboys.

In front of the camera Clint is Frank Corvin, a retired rocket pilot called back into service when NASA finds they have a problem that only he can solve.

He recruits his old compatriots — Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland and James Garner — for one last journey into space.

NASA offered use of their “vomit comet” plane for the weightless scenes, but Eastwood said no, thinking the older actors couldn’t handle the physical stress of zero gravity.

Ghomeshi opens up. Popular CBC radio host pens a new memoir

While crafting his memoir, Jian Ghomeshi kept a target audience in mind.

“It’s meant for anyone who can identify with being an oddball in high school,” Ghomeshi said during a stop in Toronto to promote 1982, in stores Tuesday. “Because it really doesn’t change that much from what 20-somethings and 60-somethings on either side of me tell me now.”

1982 is about the 14-year-old Ghomeshi growing up in Thornhill, Ont. — a David Bowie-obsessed Persian-Canadian immigrant in love with a cool older girl and desperate to fit in with the New Wave crowd.

Already a recognizable personality as the host of CBC’s daily talk radio program, Q, Ghomeshi reveals a more personal side through a collection of 12 music-infused stories that span what he calls a very formative year in his life.

In a candid and witty account of that all-too-familiar awkward stage of adolescence, Ghomeshi shares everything from his obsession with hair gel and pointy black boots to his father’s confusion over all of his antics.

“I am me on my show on CBC, but I don’t think people see all of me,” Ghomeshi says. “I was cognizant about halfway through writing the book that ‘Oh, this is going to be a surprise for the people who only know me as the guy interviewing so-and-so.”’

Ghomeshi says he’s been approached write a book before, but wasn’t interested in a “womb-to-tomb memoir.” Instead, he chose a project that tapped into his creative energies.

“I wanted (the story) to be relatable, I also wanted it to be entertaining,” he says. “I want people to laugh, I want people to be able to feel the more heavy moments.”

Music is the driving force of the memoir. Most anecdotes reference at least one glam rock icon, while every chapter is labelled by a song title. The Talking Heads’ Once in a Lifetime chapter covers Ghomeshi’s monumental day at the Police Picnic concert, while David Bowie’s Let’s Dance chronicles that fateful last dance where he wins and loses an elusive girl named Wendy in one whirlwind evening.

“Bowie, Talking Heads, the Clash — that’s my life right there,” Ghomeshi says. “And I will leave this interview and go cry in a fetal position in the corner thinking about how I lost Wendy.”

Ghomeshi also works hard to channel his 14-year-old voice into the story, making sure to establish the nuances of teenage life in the 1980s that didn’t include Facebook, laptops or iPhones.

“There’s a bit of a wink to Generation-Xers, people in their 30s, 40s, early 50s, who will understand what it was like to get a girl’s phone numbers and have to call her parents’ house before cellphones and texting,” Ghomeshi says. “All of which was pretty traumatic stuff.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quote

“It’s meant for anyone who can identify with being an oddball in high school.” Jian Ghomeshi

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Flashpoint looking to go out with a bang

Cop drama. Hit Canadian show, which has seen international success, is entering its final season of production

It's the beginning of the end for CTV's cross-border hit Flashpoint.

The celebrated cop show launches its fifth season Thursday with sharpshooter Ed Lane forced to take a heart-wrenching shot that reverberates through the team.

It's a fitting farewell that will bring the homegrown series full circle to its very first, similarly Ed-focused episode, promises writer and co-creator Stephanie Morgenstern.

"There are some things that we set up in the pilot episode that are paying off now, 75 stories later," says Morgenstern, who launched the series with co-creator Mark Ellis on July 11, 2008.

"That's a really satisfying thing. I think it's actually a great gift to be able to know when you're going to end the series — to be able to think of the last season ... as a whole is extraordinary."

The pressure to get this right is big, she admits, if only because the cast and crew have bonded so tightly each feels an obligation to each other, as well as the fans, to salute the series they love.

Co-star Enrico Colantoni, who plays team Sgt. Gregory Parker, chokes back tears when he discusses his final days on set and saying goodbye.

"Parker is the greatest character I've ever gotten to play," says Colantoni, whose co-stars include Amy Jo Johnson as negotiator Jules Callaghan, David Paetkau as sniper Sam Braddock and Sergio Di Zio as explosives expert Spike Scarlatti.

"There's a lot I love and I'm going to miss about this world — as an actor, as a human being."

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Big hit

Few Canadian series have managed to deliver the impact of Flashpoint — a bona fide hit that proved homegrown fare could be populist, acclaimed and internationally successful all at the same time.

- **Viewers.** When the slick procedural debuted four years ago on CTV and CBS, it drew 1.13 million viewers in Canada and 8.72 million viewers in the United States.
- **Success.** It was the first Canadian series since Due South to air in network prime time on both sides of the border, paving the way for a wave of other Canadian series.

Enrico Colantoni says that Flashpoint has given him lots of opportunity. HANDOUT

Shadow of Will & Grace lingers on Partners

New series. Buddy comedy on Citytv follows the bromance exploits of two architects — one straight and one gay

The legacy of Will & Grace hangs heavily over the new buddy comedy Partners, and its stars Michael Urie and Brandon Routh say they're just fine with that.

Like Will & Grace, this new odd couple sitcom comes from industry veterans David Kohan and Max Mutchnick — who loosely based the premise on their lifelong friendship — and is directed by TV godfather James Burrows, who helmed every episode of Will & Grace.

"I think when you see the show you'll feel that sort of warmth that you got when you watched Will & Grace, that sort of familiarity," says Urie, best known for playing the catty personal assistant Marc St. James on Ugly Betty.

"There's definitely similarities and certainly when I watched it I was relieved to see, 'OK, we're not like them, but we're familiar like them,' and we all went to the same school, let's say, or we all come from the same mould so that if you liked those characters you'll like these characters."

While Will & Grace focused on an uptight gay lawyer (Eric McCormack) and his flighty female best friend (Debra Messing), Partners centres on the bromance between two architects who've been pals since childhood — one gay, one straight.

"A lot of gay people are friends with straight people but you don't see that on television very often, that is new," Urie said during a promotional stop in Toronto this summer.

It debuts Sept. 24 on Citytv. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Actors Michael Urie, right and Brandon Routh are shown in a scene from the TV show Partners. It debuts Sept. 24 on Citytv. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shaun White

White face plants after rough night out

Snowboarder and Olympic gold medalist Shaun White was reportedly arrested for public intoxication in a hotel in Nashville, according to TMZ, though he was briefly hospitalized before heading to jail.

White reportedly trashed his hotel room, and when hotel staff confronted him, he set off several fire alarms and attempted to flee on foot, eventually falling and sustaining a head injury.

After receiving medical treatment, he was booked on counts of public intoxication and vandalism.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Six shades of possible stars

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Author E L James knows who she wants in the film adaptation of her bonkers-popular 50 Shades trilogy, but she's still not telling.

We have a few suggestions:

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1. Alexander Skarsgård
Eric the vampire gets my vote to play the billionaire playboy but will he accept the nomination? The role would make Skarsgård a household name, but might be too low-brow for the actor trying to establish a serious film career.

2. Ian Somerhalder
Yes, another vampire, the one from Vampire Diaries. Somerhalder's name has been thrown around more than most others.

3. Philip Seymour Hoffman
Wildcard!

ANASTASIA STEELE

1. Emma Watson
She can already carry a huge franchise and she's chomping at the bit for more "adult" roles.

2. Anna Kendrick
As witnessed in Up in the Air, Kendrick plays young and vulnerable extremely well. you are the state lottery,

3. Betty White
Just another peg in Betty White's eternal global domination.

Kate Middleton

Royals awarded injunction for topless pics

Kate Middleton and her husband, Prince William, have won their first court victory in the wake of Closer magazine publishing topless photos of Middleton, according to the Guardian.

A French court has ordered an injunction preventing any further use of the images by the publication. The photos must be handed over within 24 hours, and the magazine's publishing company will be fined $13,000 a day if it publishes more of them or sends them to a third party. A criminal investigation has been launched to see if the magazine violated William and Kate's privacy by publishing the photos. A guilty verdict could lead to jail time for Closer's editor.

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There is nothing like the feeling of plunging into wild rapids on a raft, paddling as hard as you can while cold water sprays up around you.

"It's fun, fast and furious," is how one visitor described the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories as it rushes 322 kilometres through a deep river canyon. The mountain peaks and landscapes along the way are spectacular and include caves, hot springs and mist zones. You may see moose, mountain goats, bald eagles and bears. And one breathtaking stop is Virginia Falls, where the river cascades down cliffs that are almost twice the height of Niagara Falls.

HEIGHTENED EXPERIENCE: RIDE THE BEST ROLLER-COASTER

The X2 wing-shaped roller-coaster at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California zooms around at more than 20 storeys high at speeds sometimes approaching 129 kilometres per hour. All the while the seats, which extend off the track, rotate riders head over heels, forward and backwards. The train climbs to an extreme height while riders face the wrong direction, then it falls in reverse — all to a blistering rock soundtrack and flame-throwers bursting overhead.

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PUSHING BOUNDARIES: DIVE INTO A BLOWHOLE

Blowhole diving is a rush — literally. You jump or dive into a naturally created hole or crevice in rock and then let your body get sucked by the current out into the ocean. The more advanced blowholes in Hawaii carry you through tunnels forged over thousands of years of erosion. First-timers, pack your bags for Laguna Beach.

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World of wonder

Considering a cruise but not sure which one is right for you? Worried about getting on a ship that caters too much to adults, or too kids? Six days spent aboard the Disney Wonder from Vancouver to San Francisco and Los Angeles proved to be the perfect choice for all age groups, from young families with toddlers to retirees who left their grandchildren at home — on purpose. Here are the best activities families, kids and adults can do on a Disney Cruise Line ship from morning until night.

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Disney characters keep the kids entertained. PHOTOS: HANDOUT

Get some quiet time at the adult pool.

Nightly entertainment gets the family involved.

	Children	Adults	The whole family
Morning	Infants and toddlers are welcome at Flounder's Reef Nursery and children between ages three and 10 are treated to crafts, games, dancing, science experiments and face painting in the Oceaneer club or lab.	Start the day with a relaxing hot stone massage, soothing facial or therapeutic seaweed wrap at the ship's Vista Spa. Discounts on various treatments are offered daily. If watching your waistline is important, the ship's gym features the latest equipment, exercise classes and personal trainers. Prefer the outdoors? There's a track and three laps around the ship equals one mile.	It's difficult to focus on pancakes when Mickey, Minnie, Pluto and friends are posing for photos with each guest at their table during the character breakfast. Often the first time children get to meet their favourite Disney character in the flesh, it's a special moment that will create a lasting memory, so don't miss out.
Afternoon	Tweens between the ages of 11 and 14 have their very own hangout called Edge, where they can play video games and learn about animation or how to cook their favourite meals.	Grab a beach towel and settle in on a deck chair at the Quiet Cove Pool, which is for passengers over 18. A private bar for adults is poolside and servers are only too happy to whip up your favourite cocktail. Another popular spot is the Cove Cafe, where you can sip a gourmet coffee while reading a magazine or simply enjoy the ocean view.	Hit the pool deck for a chance to swim while watching a classic Disney movie on a gigantic outdoor television screen. With the kids entertained, parents can relax on a nearby lounge chair or tuck into a good book.
Evening	Night owls between 14 and 17 years old can hang out at Vibe until the wee hours with tons of activities to keep them entertained including Guitar Hero, singing karaoke and trivia games. Movie buffs can head down to the theatre to see films in 3D.	Dining at Palo is worth the splurge. This adults-only restaurant is on the ship's top deck and the menu features scrumptious northern Italian cuisine. Be sure to make a reservation and pack a formal outfit as this meal will be your dining — and perhaps even your cruise — highlight.	From pirate-themed dance parties on deck to award-winning productions in the ship's theatre, the nightly entertainment on board a Disney Cruise Line is a must-do for families. The shows feature popular characters including Peter Pan and Ariel and depict the classic themes that made Disney a household name.

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Beer and wine will be on the menu when the Magic Kingdom's new restaurant opens later this year in Disney's Magic Kingdom

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Dine

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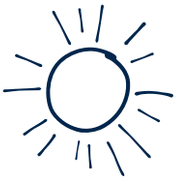

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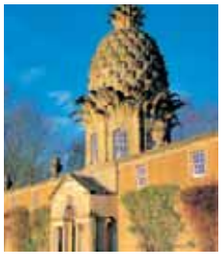
How does it work? This is the accommodation arm of The National Trust, the 100-year-old charity dedicated to protecting and running historic properties, gardens, coastline, forests and beaches and opening them to the public. The Trust restores and rents out more than 400 self-catering properties, ranging from back-to-basics cottages to Grade One-listed mansions.
Top properties: Some of the more exotic places to stay on their books include the cottage beside the Souter lighthouse in Northumberland; Doyden Castle, a crenelated folly built as a party house on a Cornish clifftop in 1830 by a wealthy gentleman or live like a lord at Lytes Cary in Somerset, a manor house in the Arts and Crafts style with a magical garden. nationaltrustcottages.co.uk

Who? The Landmark Trust, United Kingdom, Italy, France
How does it work? This charity was set up in 1965 with a mission to rescue historic buildings at risk of neglect and let them out in order to secure their future. Their 195 fabulously eccentric properties dating from 1250 to 1970 include converted pigsties and fisherman's cottages to Victorian follies and medieval castles.
Top properties: Some of the most unusual homes include the Gothic Temple with circular rooms in Stowe, The Pineapple, a curious summerhouse with a pineapple-shaped roof in Scotland and the Martello Tower, a solid battlement originally built to defend Britain's Norfolk coast from Napoleon. landmarktrust.org.uk



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Top properties: Cool off in the pool at Palacio de Estoi in the Algarve, where a slick new wing lives harmoniously alongside the original, ornate rose-pink palace or go minimalist at Pousada de Arraílolos, a 16th century convent turned contemporary hotel. The wind whistles through the stone corridors at Palmela, a 17th century fortress on a hill near Lisbon with dramatic views over the Arrábida Natural Park.
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Who? The National Trust of Scotland
How does it work? The National Trust of Scotland is the country's top conservation charity, and protects the country's man-made and natural cultural heritage, from battlefields and castles to remote islands and the wildlife that live there. They also offer a range of quirky holiday accommodation.
Top properties: Make like royalty and stay at Brodie Castle, built by Alexander Brodie the 12th in 1567. It's packed with colourful interiors, a superb collection of Dutch and Flemish art and has a famous collection of daffodils in the garden. Meanwhile, you'll enjoy dramatic views from the clifftop if you stay in the old circular brewery added in the 18th century to the 16th century Culzean Castle in Ayrshire. nts.org.uk/Holidays

Who? Paradores, Spain and Canary Islands
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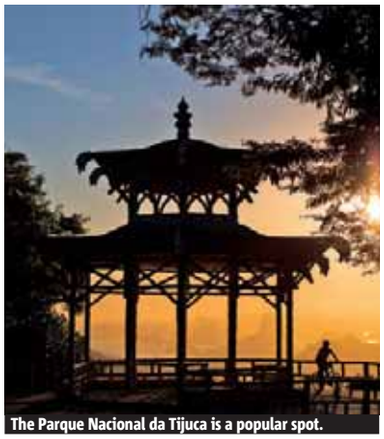
The Parque Nacional da Tijuca is a popular spot.

The cobblestone streets of old Rio.

Five things to do in Rio de Janeiro that will cost you nada

Travel on the cheap. After years of economic growth in Brazil, Rio de Janeiro has gotten a bit pricey, but some of the best things are still free

Hit the beach
Rio boasts some of the world's most stunning urban beaches. Locals spend much of their free time sunning themselves on these long stretches of white sand, so beach-going makes for great people-watching. Go to Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon or Praia Vermelha, at the foot of the Sugarloaf Mountain.

Parque Lage and the Famous Statue
About a half-mile away from the also-gorgeous but not free Jardim Botanico, or Botanical Gardens, Parque Lage has as much charm as its better-known neighbour. Like the Botanical Gardens, this park is a vast green space unfolding from the skirts of the Corcovado mountain, on which Rio's famous Christ the Redeemer statue is perched.

Historic Rio
Rio was once the seat of an empire. Aspects of this history can be seen in a winding walk through the cobblestoned streets that remain downtown. Within a few blocks, you can see the Paco Imperial, or Royal Palace, the home where the Portuguese royal family settled when they fled Europe just ahead of Napoleon's advancing troops, and the Biblioteca Nacional, with a collection that has been growing since 1810.

Samba
Rio's signature percussion-driven rhythm can be heard in classy indoor music venues, sure, but old-school samba circles can pop up without notice. There are parts of town where musicians traditionally gather, where you can find great samba played the way it was in its origins: outdoors, and free for all. Rua do Ouvidor, or Ouvidor Street in downtown, generally has music on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Pedra do Sal, in the downtown neighbourhood of Saude, has samba circles on Mondays and Fridays.

Parque Nacional Da Tijuca
The most-visited national park in Brazil, this nearly 10,000-square-acre expanse of forest embedded in Rio de Janeiro is what allows this densely populated city to breathe. There are trails of various lengths and levels of difficulty carved through the forest.

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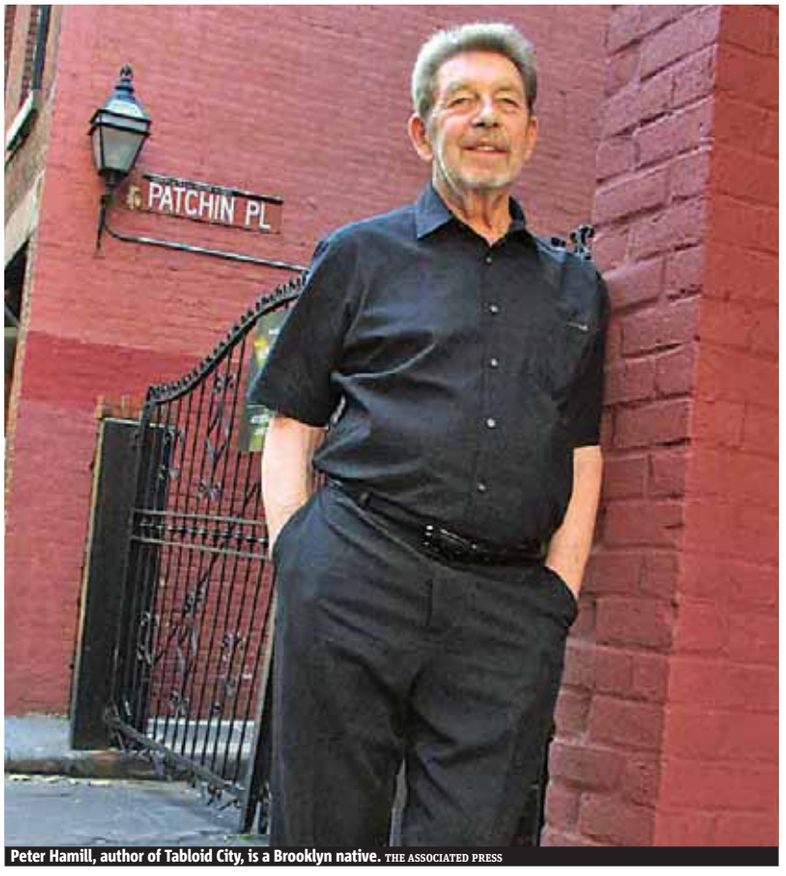

Peter Hamill, author of Tabloid City, is a Brooklyn native. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brooklyn festival a literary draw for book lovers of every kind

Writing hotbed. Authors and bookworms converge on New York borough to celebrate words

The Brooklyn Book Festival, scheduled for Sept. 23 and now in its seventh year, has rapidly become one of the top events of its kind in the United States, with 280 writers taking part, including A-listers like Mary Higgins Clark, and crowds expected to approach 40,000.

The festival's success has earned it comparisons with more established book fairs in places like Los Angeles, Miami, Washington and Austin, Texas, but its buzz is partly due to Brooklyn's latest incarnation as a trendy hotbed of hipsters and artists. The borough is home to many well-known contemporary writers like Martin Amis, Jhumpa Lahiri and Jonathan Safran Foer.

As it does every year, this year's schedule includes some writers with Brooklyn connections, like Colson Whitehead and Paul Auster, who live here; Pete Hamill, who was born in Brooklyn and is receiving an award at the event called Best of Brooklyn, Inc.; and Edwidge Danticat, whose fiction about the Caribbean often portrays the immigrant community in Brooklyn.

But while organizers are proud of the borough's literary prowess, they also stress that "the Brooklyn Book Festival is in no way, shape or form just about Brooklyn," said Johnny Temple, chairman of the Brooklyn Literary Council and head of a Brooklyn publishing house called Akashic Books.

"We go out of our way to ensure the authors we invite appeal to everyone," said Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, one of the festival's founders. "They include intellectuals as well as authors that have greater mass market appeal and celebrities."

In addition to Higgins Clark and her daughter Carol, who is also a bestselling mystery writer, other authors on the roster range from Terry McMillan and Joyce Carol Oates to Judith Viorst and Sapphire. Celebrities taking part include actor Tony Danza, whose new book, I'd Like to Apologize to Every Teacher I Ever Had, recalls his year teaching at Philadelphia's largest high school, and Jimmie Walker, who starred in the TV sitcom Good Times and wrote a memoir called Dyn-O-Mite. In a phone interview about his upcoming appearance, Walker said fans who come to his book events love to "talk about the show — they grew up with it."

The festival is also committed to programming that reflects Brooklyn's diversity. Many events have an international flavour or explore serious themes. This year, one session focuses on African novels with child narrators and another features leading Indian writers. Two events honour the 50th anniversary of independence in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, with one curated by Jamaica's legendary Calabash literary festival, and the other presented by Trinidad's groundbreaking Bocas literary festival. Another seminar looks at poetry and narratives in light of the Arab Spring, while Isabel Wilkerson will talk about her book, The Warmth of Other Suns, about the 20th century migration of African-Americans from the American South to the North. There's also an extensive schedule of children's writers as well as writing workshops.

The festival takes place Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in and around Brooklyn Borough Hall in downtown Brooklyn, but related events will be held beginning Sept. 17 in other venues around the borough.

The festival started in 2006 and quickly grew to fill a void left by the demise of an annual Manhattan book festival called New York is Book Country. When that event ended, Markowitz recalled, "I said to myself, 'You know what, we're going to pick it up and make it bigger and better than it ever was in Manhattan.' We're already home to so many writers, it was a natural place to launch a book festival."

Evan Hughes, author of the book Literary Brooklyn: The Writers of Brooklyn and the Story of American City Life, says Brooklyn is experiencing a "golden age" of a literary community, comparable to postwar Greenwich Village or Paris in the 1920s.

"Greenwich Village was the beating heart of literary New York at one time and in a way Greenwich Village moved to Brooklyn," Hughes said. "I know a lot of people hear that and say, 'Oh boy, that sounds like a lot of hype.' But I do think those comparisons are fair. It's sometimes hard to see the big sweep of history when you're in it. And it's fashionable to roll your eyes at it. But I think it was fashionable in Paris in the '20s to roll your eyes at it, too."

Why do writers move to Brooklyn? Yes, real estate is cheaper than in Manhattan, though the borough has plenty of million-dollar homes and apartments. But it's not just about paying the rent. "It's got the brownstones and the well-preserved streetscapes, many of them from the 19th century that have a real appeal, a sense of small town within the city," said Hughes.

"The neighbourhoods are very distinct from one another. The buildings don't crowd out the sky. There's less clamour. I think those things prove very attractive."

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Literary legacy

For book lovers who can't make the festival, the borough is a good destination for a literary pilgrimage any time, with a long history of local writers going back to poet Walt Whitman. Whitman worked at a Brooklyn newspaper in the 19th century and his poem Crossing Brooklyn Ferry is engraved in a waterfront railing at the foot of Old Fulton Street in Brooklyn's DUMBO section. Brooklyn has a lot of interesting literary spots: W.H. Auden and Carson McCullers lived in a commune at 7 Middagh St., Truman Capote lived at 70 Willow St., and Norman Mailer lived at 142 Columbia Heights. Other residents of Brooklyn at various points included Richard Wright, Marianne Moore, Thomas Wolfe, William Styron, and Arthur Miller.

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Wild times. The Travellin' Canadian is treated to a special wildlife display on boat tour near Prince Rupert

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Having witnessed orangutans in the wilds of Borneo, and Koalas lounging in the trees in Melbourne, Australia, the wildlife in Canada almost seemed a bit tame to me, if you'll pardon the pun. That is, until I embarked on a nondescript little boat tour in a northern B.C. coastal town recently.

As we started out, the guides at Prince Rupert Adventure Tours informed us we may actually see a grizzly bear or two as we departed from quiet Cow Bay. The scene that actually unfolded could not have been more spectacular. Not long into the tour through the beautiful inside passage, we quickly spotted countless bald eagles and seals frolicking in the surf.

Then, as we edged up to the shoreline in a remote area, things quickly started to resemble a National Geographic TV special.

There, just a few feet away on the sandy beach front was a giant mother grizzly bear calmly crushing clamshells with her powerful jaw, and then happily spitting the shell's contents to her two adorable and playful cubs.

And then, as if on cue, we all noticed a lone wolf slowly creeping up on the oblivious feeding bears. This brazen wolf slowly crossed a river, and edged closer and closer to the mother bear and her cubs as we all watched from our boat in stunned silence.

Then all in one motion, the lone wolf charges the mother grizzly and her cubs, chases them away, and proceeds to steal the newly shelled clam meat left behind.

Our boat guide later told us in 20 years on the tour, he'd never seen a wolf confront a grizzly bear, and he wasn't surprised the grizzly ran, to protect her cubs.

All of us on this tour felt lucky to have seen something so amazing as we snapped away as many pictures as we could. A few eagles and seals would have been worth the price of admission, but a wolf chasing grizzly bears?

Other cool things to do in Prince Rupert...

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A brave lone wolf was able to chase a bear family away from a feast of clams. DARREN PARKMAN

A mother grizzly and her two cubs were busy crushing clamshells in full view of tourists. DARREN PARKMAN

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Cocktails to fall for this season

September: Blue Crush

You aren't supposed to wear white after Labour Day, but that doesn't mean you have to retire the summer cocktails. It's going to be a long winter, so keep the patio vibe alive with this drink. It's a cousin to the ever-popular mojito, but looks more like the ocean at night.

In Collins glass, muddle small handful of blueberries with a few mint leaves and lime wedges. Fill with ice, and add:

- 1.25 oz Skyy Vodka
- 0.5 oz Xaica Hibiscus Liqueur
- 2 oz fresh, tart lemonade

Stir drink, and top with splash of dry sparkling wine (about 1.5 oz); garnish with sprig of mint.

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October: The Maple Heist

A sip of this deceptively simple drink, and you might understand why thieves stole $30 million worth of syrup in August. There's still plenty in stores, though, which is something to be thankful for. And don't let the eggs and syrup combo fool you — we don't encourage drinking this at breakfast. (If egg whites weird you out, omit them.)

- 1.5 oz Gibson's Finest 100th Grey Cup Edition (maple rye whisky)
- 1 oz pure lemon juice
- 0.5 oz maple syrup
- 0.25 oz egg whites

Combine all ingredients in a shaker, and shake without ice. Add scoop of ice and shake again, and strain into a rocks glass. Garnish with cranberries that have macerated in simple or maple syrup.

November: Ginger-Pear Snap

People tend to be a little down about November. Even the hardiest of Canadians are off the patios by now, but look on the bright side: It's whisky weather! It should also be a good time for locally-grown pears. Think globally, drink locally, right? The Wiser's Spiced has a vanilla flavour that goes well with the other flavours here, and makes for a cocktail that will appeal even to those who shy away from dark liquors.

In shaker, muddle lemon zest with a small pieces of peeled ginger. Fill with ice, add:

- 1 oz Wiser's Spiced Whisky
- 2 oz pure pear juice
- dash of simple syrup

Shake and strain into a Collins glass, and garnish with a slice of ripe pear.

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Engineer a winning resumé. Recruits in this field want to see results, rather than a list of recent jobs

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An effective resumé can make all the difference between landing an interview and getting tossed into the 'no' pile. However, knowing how to write one can be challenging, especially since each industry has different expectations.

If you're an engineering student ready to break into the workforce, check out these tips and tricks from a career advisor and an engineering student.

You may know how to work with numbers, but do you know how to work with people? ISTOCK

Show who you are and what you are passionate about

Tanya Gillert, a career advisor at the University of Waterloo, recommends including a brief overview about yourself using bullet points at the top of your resumé.

"Focus on what type of engineering you're apt in," she says, "and highlight not only years of experience and academics, but something unique. For example, achieving a bronze medal after four years on the swim team showcases dedication and commitment," two qualities that employers may be looking for in new engineers.

Emphasize extra-curricular activities

"A lot of engineering students forget that soft skills are actually important . . . they matter a lot to employers," says Yi-Wei Ang, president of the You're Next Career Network and an Industrial Engineering student at the University of Toronto who has worked at IBM and held leadership positions with a number of engineering-related student organizations.

"It's very common for engineering students to focus solely on their school work because their workload is generally heavier than in other fields," he says. "However, you can be working on your career-building skills from day one. Spend some time figuring out what field you want to be in, how you'll get there, and how you can create your personal brand."

One of the best ways to do that is by participating in student groups and other extra-curricular activities and then using that experience to showcase your leadership, teamwork and communication skills.

Demonstrate results

Including specific accomplishments with as much detail as possible is also key, Yi-Wei says. For example, "Created original application for (name of program) using (name of software/tool) for (this purpose)."

Gillert agrees that engineering employers are looking to see results, not simply that you have three years experience at various placements. "Use words like 'increased', 'enhanced' or 'maximized', which show the end result of certain places you worked or projects you were a part of," she says.

Use keywords to strengthen your resumé

Keep in mind that most students or recent grads who are applying for a job will have similar experience and skill sets as you. Instead of using the same words and phrases to apply for every job, use the keywords from each job listing to build a new resumé.

"The biggest tip I can offer is to make sure you look at the job posting closely," Yi-Wei says. "Use your keywords (from the job description) and then highlight specific examples regarding how you've utilized these skill sets."

Gillert also suggests using resources like Google AdWords and LinkedIn to find out what keywords are in high demand, and then match them to your own experience. "On LinkedIn you can type in your field and it'll bring up all the related skills, which gives you all the keywords you need."

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Show your personality, but don't overdo it

As a future engineer, your resumé doesn't have to be super flashy or visually creative, but there are a few ways to show employers your personality.

Gillert recommends "including examples that really mean something to you, so when you have interviews you can discuss these experiences that you're passionate about."

Yi-Wei echoes this idea: "Cookie cutter resumés will never help you stand out," he says. "You want to show an employer that you put in effort and tried to make yourself stand out without going too crazy on the layout." At most, use a different style of header at the top of the page.

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Hands-on before the year is up

Co-op your way to a career. How to build the foundation of your future in engineering

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The figures are showing that engineering is no longer for boys only. ISTOCK

Working in a paid position to support the costs of university while gaining relevant work experience to add to your resumé makes co-op programs for engineering a win-win situation.

Alternating work terms with school terms, engineering co-op programs allow engineering students to get into the workplace and experience different roles while working toward earning their degree at the same time.

Why should engineering students do co-op?

Program coordinators and graduates alike are not short on praise for engineering co-op programs.

Sheenagh Brooks, co-op coordinator of civil engineering at the University of British Columbia strongly believes in the co-op program because it gives engineering students a chance to try out different fields before committing to one.

She says classroom education is only paper and theory, but co-op programs allow students to get out into the workplace where they can actually apply it.

"The main thing," Brooks says, "is they think they want to go on this route, but when they get out there and try it they realize (something else) is the type of work they really want to do. It makes them realize what they first wanted to do, they don't really want to do."

Co-op makes it possible to confirm these decisions in a very informed way. It also gives students an opportunity to network and improve upon their interview skills before graduating.

Denver Jermyn, a graduate from the biological engineering co-op program at the University of Guelph, says the greatest benefit of co-op is "gaining experience and networking contacts before graduating. Most people graduate without any experience in their field at all, whereas I already had 16 months of work experience."

Training

Training in engineering co-op is usually "learn as you go," according to Jermyn, who worked in co-op positions such as a brewing assistant, surveyor for an airport and a consultant for the Canadian Standards Association, providing technical support to carbon management companies in Europe.

"Usually I had a supervisor who would delegate tasks and review all of my work before approving it," he says. "Training was pretty informal most of the time."

Will Fulcher, a graduate from the civil engineering program at the University of Waterloo, completed his co-op in fields such as engineering consulting as a lab technician, engineering design as a steel manufacturer, construction management in commercial construction, and engineering management dealing with power generation.

He had similar training experiences: "The co-op programs didn't really have any formal training in my experience, but you acquire a new set of skills at each one. I found that what you get out of the jobs is up to you. The real benefit is working with people of your profession and learning from them what you can. I find that it is a day to day experience finding tasks and learning how to complete them."

Work/life balance

Participating in co-op will add an extra year to your schooling, making it a five-year degree. The terms are generally four months of work and four months of class, sometimes back-to-back of the same. This means you will always be working or in school, which can be seen as a negative aspect when it comes to your social life and freedom, but definitely a positive one when it comes to your resumé and future career aspirations.

Jermyn says, "Co-op does involve more work, I had to take an extra course for co-op for one semester and then you are always job searching while trying to do school work at the same time, but in my opinion it is totally worth it."

He adds, "For engineering students, up to 12 months of your co-op work can count toward the 48 months of engineering experience you need to become a professional engineer. So that's also a bit of a bonus."

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Stats of success

An eye on engineers

- 206,300 Canadian workers were registered as members of Engineers Canada in 2008, and reports estimate that number has since grown.
- As senior engineers begin to retire, the number of jobs that will be open for new hires each year will be approximately 4004.
- Girl power! Although engineering is notorious for being a boys' club, times are changing. Approximately 1 in 5 engineering students in Canada is female.
- According to Statistics Canada, the job prospects for engineers in the coming years are "good."

A business of bucks

Average annual salaries

- Mechanical engineers: $71,122
- Civil engineers: $72,700
- Mining engineers: $92,479

Careers after co-op

Brooks estimates that about 80 per cent of UBC's co-op students receive offers of employment from the firms they do their co-op with.

- Graduate Will Fulcher considers co-op terms to "have the potential of a four month interview. You are able to make connections and prove yourself through actions and a lot of companies hire students who are able to prove themselves during their co-op."

Take this to the bank

It pays to choose the co-op route

- Engineering co-op students at the University of British Columbia earn an average monthly salary of $2600-$3500, depending on whether they're at a junior, intermediate or senior level, and which discipline of engineering they are studying.

Resumé on the run

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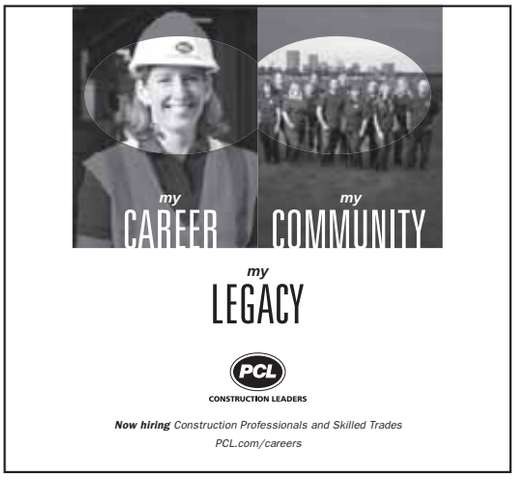

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SPORTS 4

KHL acceptance not a given for top NHL talent

NHL. First-overall pick in NHL 2012 draft has move to Russia delayed by red tape

Locked-out NHLers making their exodus to Russia and its wads of easy money hit their first road block on Tuesday: Transfer cards.

The IIHF failed to issue a transfer card to Russian Nail Yakupov, the first-overall pick in the 2012 draft and a member of the Sarnia Sting, so he could play with Neftekhimik of the KHL.

"The IIHF is not allowing Yakupov to play. The transfer card has not been sent from Switzerland (the IIHF headquarters)," Neftekhimik director Rafik Yakupov told Sovetsky Sport.

An IIHF transfer card is needed for any player participating in any tournament under the IIHF umbrella.

While Yakupov's debut in the KHL may only be delayed by what sounded like red tape, other NHLers may face the same problem now that they have begun their journey across the Atlantic.

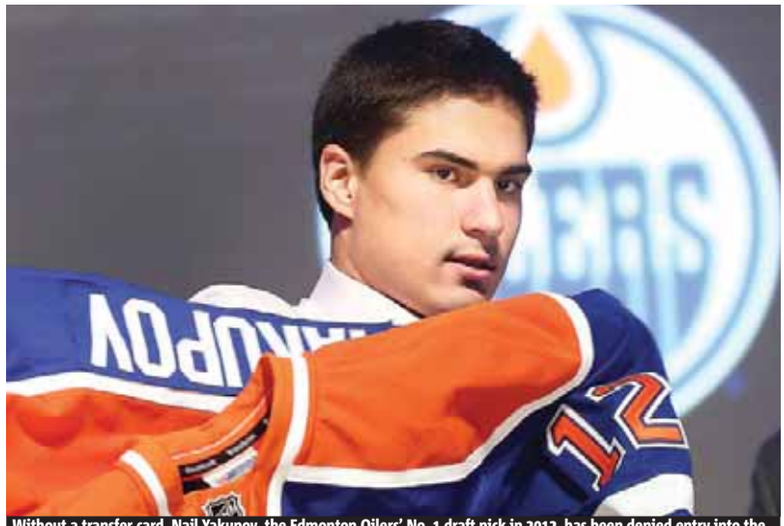
There didn't seem to be any issues with Ilya Kovalchuk of the New Jersey Devils, who signed with SKA St. Petersburg. Kovalchuk, who inked a record 15-year, $100-million US contract with New Jersey in 2010, was expected to make close to $8 million in St. Petersburg if he plays the full season for SKA.

He joined Evgeni Malkin of the Pittsburgh Penguins, who signed with Metallurg Magnitogorsk on Sunday, in the Russian-based league. Maple Leafs forward Nikolai Kulemin is also joining Magnitogorsk.

Returning home

Alex Ovechkin is expected to sign a lucrative deal with Moscow Dynamo, a coup for the ambitious Kontinental Hockey League.

- Formed three years ago with the help of Russian President Vladimir Putin, the league has jumped at the chance to recruit some of the world's best players, hoping it would help the fast-growing league emerge from the shadows of the NHL.



Without a transfer card, Nail Yakupov, the Edmonton Oilers' No. 1 draft pick in 2012, has been denied entry into the KHL. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

The Russian league has repeatedly stated that it wants to bring only the best players from the NHL, imposing strict eligibility rules for those looking to move across the Atlantic.

To be eligible, a player must have either previous KHL experience, played no fewer than 150 NHL games over the last three seasons, or represented his country at one of the last two world championships or the Olympics.

Each KHL team is also restricted to signing only three NHL players, with Magnitogorsk, coached by ex-Maple Leafs coach Paul Maurice, becoming the first to use up its quota. Sergei Gonchar is also with Magnitogorsk.

Not everyone is going to Russia. Players from Quebec may set up some style of "Caravan" league, playing exhibition games for charity throughout the province, said agent Allan Walsh.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

No regrets for Mitchell ahead of Eskimos game

Khalif Mitchell celebrates after sacking Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo Sept. 8 in Vancouver. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Khalif Mitchell is expressing no regrets as he gets ready to face Simeon Rottier and the Edmonton Eskimos again.

The two are expected to clash Saturday as Mitchell's Lions (8-3) visit the Eskimos (5-6) in the Alberta capital. The last time the B.C. Lions defensive lineman battled Edmonton, in a July loss at BC Place Stadium, he twisted Rottier's arm awkwardly after a play in the first half and received a two-game suspension.

"It's football — it happens," said Mitchell after practice Tuesday. "It was something that happened. I already was given a discipline and served it, so I'm not worried about it no more."

Rough reception?

Mitchell is not expecting a hostile response from the Eskimos or their fans, contending he would have received one in the second half of the previous meeting.

Mitchell was not penalized during the game, but CFL commissioner Mark Cohon decided to hand him the longest suspension for an in-game incident. Mitchell launched an appeal that delayed his punishment, but the arbitration case was unsuccessful.

Rottier was immediately sidelined with an elbow injury but is now back on Edmonton's roster.

Mitchell, a 27-year-old who is in his third season with the Lions, said he will take his usual "tough" approach to the game at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I'm not scheming any players," he said. "I'm not going to do nothing crazy. I've gotta go against their whole offence."

Rottier has expressed forgiveness publicly for Mitchell. The Lion said he had communication with Rottier during a disciplinary hearing with Cohon, but Mitchell does not see a need to speak to him again about the incident.

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Mobile sports

Cricket

After a remarkable year on the links, world No. 1 Rory McIlroy is now "a marked man." "He's right now the present-day Tiger Woods," tour veteran Jim Furyk said ahead of this week's Tour Championship.

NBA

"I don't know if I'm the face of the franchise just yet.... I'm just trying to get to know the guys."

Rockets guard Jeremy Lin, who drew a horde of media for his first workout in Houston on Tuesday, evidence that Linsanity has plenty of life left in it.

NFL

Bills castoff Young 'needs a job'

Six years after entering the NFL, Vince Young finds himself without a team and with just a fraction of the money he received from a contract that guaranteed him $26 million US.

In an increasingly caustic war of words, attorneys have been arguing for months over whether Young is an out-of-control spender or simply a victim of inexperienced advisers. The quarterback whose future once seemed unlimited is now in a tenuous financial condition.

"I would just say that Vince needs a job," said Trey Dolezal, Young's attorney, when asked to give a general assessment of his client's finances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vince Young was cut by the Buffalo Bills, his third NFL team, in August. GETTY IMAGES FILE

NHL

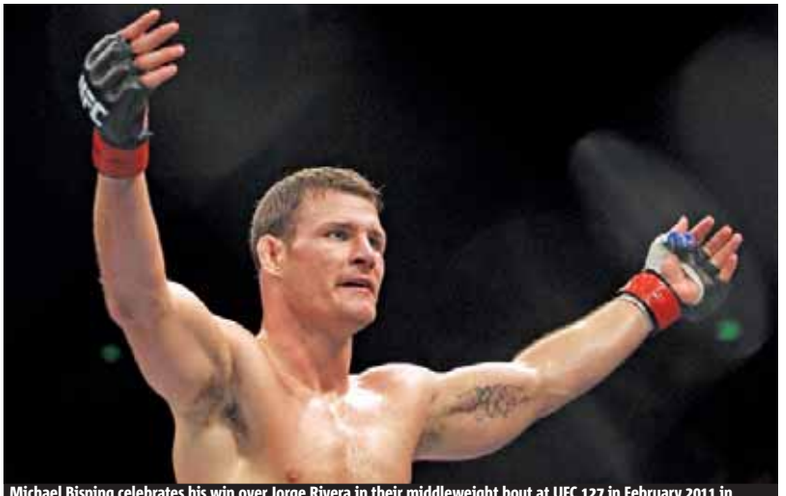
Panthers start laying off staff

The Florida Panthers announced the layoffs of an unknown number of staff members Tuesday, only the third full day of the NHL's lockout. The Ottawa Senators have also announced cuts to team staff. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in pictures

UFC fighter enjoys image makeover ahead of next bout

From cad to contender. Michael Bisping hopes win at UFC 152 in Toronto will earn him a shot at the title



Michael Bisping celebrates his win over Jorge Rivera in their middleweight bout at UFC 127 in February 2011 in Sydney, Australia. MARK KOLBE/GETTY IMAGES

Bisping vs. Stann

- Bisping has won four of his last five, dropping a decision to Chael Sonnen last time out on a televised card in January.
- Stann has also won four of his last five, with the only loss coming two fights ago against Sonnen.

Michael Bisping is used to being the villain. The English middleweight might as well have worn a black hat to the cage for his fights.

But now living in California, the 33-year-old Bisping seems to be enjoying an image makeover of sorts.

"I don't know what it is, but I'm certainly getting a lot more love on Twitter these days," Bisping told The Canadian Press.

Some of the Bisping-related tweets used to be R-rated, but times have changed.

"Now every day there's at least five, 10 tweets of people saying 'I used to absolutely hate you but now I'm actually a fan. Good luck in Canada.'"

Odds are Bisping won't be the target of the boo-birds at UFC 152 in Toronto this weekend. That may be reserved for light-heavyweight champion Jon (Bones) Jones, who has been in the news for all the wrong reasons recently (a DUI and dispute with UFC boss Dana White over his opponent).

Jones takes on Brazilian Vitor (The Phenom) Belfort on Saturday at the Air Canada Centre while Bisping (23-4) meets (All-American) Brian Stann (12-4) in a fight that has 185-pound title implications.

Bisping admits it's hard to work up a hate for a war hero like Stann, whose day job is finding jobs for wounded veterans.

"He seems like a pretty decent guy, unfortunately," said Bisping, who did the high-in-the-sky CN Tower walk with the decorated ex-marine as part of the pre-fight publicity.

"There's not much meat on the bone in terms of trash-talk," he added. "He's a nice guy."

Still, old habits die hard and Bisping couldn't resist a few shots at Stann in a recent blog for Yahoo! Sports. "Stann has talked big about how he's going to put me to sleep," the Brit said. "Well, that's a fact. I can't avoid it. None of us can. Brian is going to tell some more deathly boring old war stories at the pre-fight press conference, and we are all going to be in for a snooze." THE CANADIAN PRESS

1 NBA. Raps bring back Magloire

The Toronto Raptors have re-signed Canadian centre Jamaal Magloire, retaining a veteran presence in the middle to complement oncoming rookie Jonas Valanciunas. Magloire is the first Canadian-born player in the club's history.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Soccer. Ronaldo fires Madrid past City

Cristiano Ronaldo had the last word in a wild shootout against Manchester City, scoring in the 90th minute Tuesday as Real Madrid came back for a 3-2 victory in a Champions League opener where all five goals came late.

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3 CFL. Als' Whitaker out for season

Montreal Alouettes running back Brandon Whitaker is out for the rest of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

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Jays' Escobar gets 3-game ban for homophobic slur

Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar apologized Tuesday for playing a recent game with a homophobic slur written in Spanish under his eyes, an action that resulted in a three-game suspension.

Several pictures posted online showed Escobar with the message written on his eye-black stickers, which are often worn under the eyes to reduce the sun's glare.

The team announced the suspension after Escobar and team officials met with representatives from Major League Baseball and the Major League Players Association. Escobar, flanked by general manager Alex Anthopoulos and manager John Farrell at an afternoon news conference, apologized for his actions.

"Honestly it's been a terrible experience in my life and career," Escobar said through a translator. "It's something I'm sorry for and something I won't do again."

Escobar had written under his eyes "TU ERE MARICON," which can be translated as "You are a f—t."

His forfeited salary will go to You Can Play and the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Escobar will also participate in a sensitivity training program in accordance with the team and MLB.

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Jays manager John Farrell, left, and coach Luis Rivera, centre, listen to Yunel Escobar at a news conference at Yankee Stadium in New York on Tuesday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	63	.568	—
Baltimore	83	64	.565	½
Tampa Bay	78	70	.527	6
Boston	68	81	.456	16½
Toronto	66	79	.455	16½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	81	66	.551	—
Detroit	78	69	.531	3
Kansas City	66	81	.449	15
Cleveland	61	87	.412	20½
Minnesota	61	87	.412	20½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	87	59	.596	—
Oakland	84	63	.571	3½
Los Angeles	80	67	.544	7½
Seattle	70	78	.473	18

Tuesday's results
Boston 7 Tampa Bay 5
Chicago White Sox 3 Kansas City 2
Detroit 12 Oakland 2
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 5 (12 innings)
Toronto at New York (ppd., rain)
Texas at L.A. Angels
Baltimore at Seattle
Monday's results
Baltimore 10 Seattle 4
Boston 5 Tampa Bay 2
Chicago White Sox 5 Detroit 4
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto (H.Alvarez 9-12) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-3), 1:05 p.m. (1st game)
Minnesota (Hendriks 0-7) at Cleveland (McAllister 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Bre.Anderson 4-1) at Detroit (Verlander 14-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (R.Romero 8-14) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Phelps 4-4), 7:05 p.m. (2nd game)
Boston (Matsuzaka 1-5) at Tampa Bay (Archer 0-3), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 17-6) at Kansas City (Mendoza 7-9), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 10-6) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 12-9), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Saunders 2-2) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 13-8), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	89	57	.610	—
Atlanta	85	64	.570	5½
Philadelphia	74	74	.500	16
New York	66	81	.449	23½
Miami	66	83	.443	24½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	89	59	.601	—
St. Louis	78	70	.527	11
Milwaukee	75	72	.510	13½
Pittsburgh	74	73	.503	14½
Chicago	58	90	.392	31
Houston	48	100	.324	41

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	84	63	.571	—
Los Angeles	76	71	.517	8
Arizona	73	74	.497	11
San Diego	71	77	.480	13½
Colorado	58	88	.397	25½

Tuesday's results
Arizona 3 San Diego 2
Cincinnati 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Miami 4 Atlanta 3 (10 innings)
Milwaukee 6 Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 4 Houston 1
L.A. Dodgers at Washington (ppd., rain)
Philadelphia at New York (ppd., rain)
Colorado at San Francisco
Monday's results
Atlanta 7 Miami 5
Philadelphia 3 N.Y. Mets 1
Pittsburgh 3 Chicago Cubs 0
San Francisco 2 Colorado 1
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 9-9) at Washington (Zimmermann 10-8), 4:05 p.m. (1st game)
Milwaukee (Estrada 3-6) at Pittsburgh (McPherson 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Medlen 8-1) at Miami (Jo.Johnson 8-12), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 15-6) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 1-2) at Washington (Lannan 3-0), 7:35 p.m. (2nd game)
Cincinnati (Leake 8-9) at Chicago Cubs (Rusin 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 10-9) at St. Louis (Lynn 15-7), 8:15 p.m.
San Diego (Volquez 10-10) at Arizona (Cahill 11-11), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Chatwood 4-4) at San Francisco (M.Cain 14-5), 10:15 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CANADIAN TIRE

STANDINGS
(after 11th of 12 races)

1. D.J. Kennington, 470; 2. J.R. Fitzpatrick, 447; 3. Andrew Ranger, 440; 4. Scott Steckly, 433; 5. Ron Beauchamp, Jr., 389; 6. L.P. Dumoulin, 363; 7. Jason Hathaway, 357; 8. Jason White, 345; 9. Martin Roy, 344; 10. Neil Dowler, 335.

Final Race of Season: Saturday, Sept. 22

Pinty's 250, Kawartha Speedway (0.375 miles), Peterborough, Ont.

NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Through Sept, 16
POINTS STANDINGS

1, Brad Keselowski, 2,056. 2, Jimmie Johnson, 2,053. 3, Tony Stewart, 2,048. 4, Denny Hamlin, 2,041. 5, Kasey Kahne, 2,041. 6, Clint Bowyer, 2,041. 7, Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,039. 8, Greg Biffle, 2,037. 9, Martin Truex Jr., 2,035. 10, Kevin Harvick, 2,032. 11, Matt Kenseth, 2,030. 12, Jeff Gordon, 2,009. 13, Kyle Busch, 814. 14, Ryan Newman, 773. 15, Carl Edwards, 772. 16, Paul Menard, 760. 17, Marcos Ambrose, 752. 18, Joey Logano, 715. 19, Jeff Burton, 667. 20, Jamie McMurray, 664.

INDYCAR

FINAL STANDINGS

1. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 468 points. 2. Will Power, 465. 3. Scott Dixon, 435. 4. Helio Castroneves, 431. 5. Simon Pagenaud, 387. 6. Ryan Briscoe, 370. 7. Dario Franchitti, 363. **8. James Hinchcliffe, Oakville, Ont., 358.** 9. Tony Kanaan, 351. 10. Graham Rahal, 333.

11. J.R. Hildebrand, 294. 12. Rubens Barrichello, 289. 13. Oriol Servia, 287. 14. Takuma Sato, 281. 15. Justin Wilson, 278. 16. Marco Andretti, 278. **17. Alex Tagliani, Lachenaie, Que., 272.** 18. Ed Carpenter, 261. 19. Charlie Kimball, 260. 20. E.J. Viso, 244.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	58	55
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	33
Miami	1	1	0	.500	45	43
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	63	65

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	57	17
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	44	61
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	23	72
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	53

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	67	37
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	47	71
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	46	41
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	43	51

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	60	24
Denver	1	1	0	.500	52	46
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	41	75
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	27	57

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	41	39
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	31	44
Washington	1	1	0	.500	68	63
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	58	58

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	67	45
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	50	51
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	45	43
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	59	75

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	40
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	46	50
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	46	46
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	51	44

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	40	34
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	57	41
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	54	55
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	43	27

WEEK TWO

Monday's result
Atlanta 27 Denver 21
Sunday's results
Arizona 20 New England 18
Buffalo 35 Kansas City 17
Carolina 35 New Orleans 27
Indianapolis 23 Minnesota 20
Cincinnati 34 Cleveland 27
Houston 27 Jacksonville 7
Miami 35 Oakland 13
N.Y. Giants 41 Tampa Bay 34
Philadelphia 24 Baltimore 23
Pittsburgh 27 N.Y. Jets 10
San Diego 38 Tennessee 10
San Francisco 27 Detroit 19
Seattle 27 Dallas 7
St. Louis 31 Washington 28
Thursday's Sept. 13
Green Bay 23 Chicago 10

WEEK THREE

Thursday's game — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24
Green Bay at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP MOSELLE OPEN

At Metz, France
Singles — First Round

Gael Monfils (7), France, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2.

Nikolay Davydenko (8), Russia, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Clement Reix, France, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Kenny de Schepper, France, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

Vincent Millot, France, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 6-4, 6-4.

Benoit Paire, France. def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-1, 6-4.

ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN

At St. Petersburg, Russia
Singles — First Round

Mikhail Youzhny (1), Russia, def. **Vasek Pospisil, Vernon, B.C.,** 7-6 (4), 6-1.

Grega Zemlja, Slovenia, def. Lukas Lacko (5), Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, def. Yen-hsun Lu (6), Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2.

Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Florent Serra, France, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

WTA GUANGZHOU INTERNATIONAL OPEN

At Guangzhou, China
Singles — First Round

Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, def. Marion Bartoli (1), France, 4-3 (retired).

Zheng Jie (2), China, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, 5-3 (retired).

Sorana Cirstea (3), Romania, def. Hu Yue-Yue, China, 6-2, 7-5.

Urszula Radwanska (4), Poland, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Mathilde Johansson, France, def. Monica Niculescu (6), Romania, 7-5, 6-2.

Peng Shuai (7), China, def. Ayumi Morita, Japan, 7-6 (3), 6-0.

Alize Cornet (8), France, def. Alexandra Panova, Russia, 6-3, 1-1 (retired).

Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Nina Bratchikova, Russia, 7-5, 6-3.

Nudnida Luangnam, Thailand, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-2.

Zheng Saisai, China, def. Julia Cohen, U.S., 7-6 (1), 7-5.

WTA KDB KOREA OPEN

At Seoul, South Korea
Singles — First Round

Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-2.

Kaia Kanepi (3), Estonia, def. Han Sung-hee, South Korea, 6-1, 6-0.

Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Julia Goerges (5), Germany, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Klara Zakopalova (7), Czech Republic, def. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (1).

Ekaterina Makarova (8), Russia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 6-4, 6-1.

CFL

WEEK 12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	11	7	4	0	301	327	14
Toronto	11	6	5	0	278	274	12
Hamilton	11	4	7	0	341	347	8
Winnipeg	11	2	9	0	203	365	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
B.C.	11	8	3	0	298	204	16
Calgary	11	7	4	0	312	257	14
Saskatchewan	11	5	6	0	284	234	10
Edmonton	11	5	6	0	247	256	10

Sunday's result
Montreal 28 Saskatchewan 17
Saturday's results
B.C. 28 Toronto 23
Hamilton 51 Edmonton 8
Friday's result
Calgary 44 Winnipeg 3
WEEK 13
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Hamilton at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
B.C. at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Toronto at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE — Suspended Toronto SS Yunel Escobar three games for displaying an unacceptable message during Saturday's game against Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Signed a player development contract with Buffalo (IL) through the 2014 season.

NHL

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed C Stefan Chaput, C Olivier Fortier and C Daultan Leveille to one-year, two-way contracts.

NFL

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed DE Jamaal Anderson on injured reserve. Signed DE Wallace Gilberry.
DENVER BRONCOS — Placed C Philip Blake on injured reserve.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed NT Nicolas Jean-Baptiste.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released CB Jerome Murphy.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released RB Kregg Lumpkin. Signed CB Danny Gorrer.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	28	15	7	6	35	25	51
Chicago	28	15	8	5	40	33	50
New York	28	14	7	7	49	40	49
Houston	29	12	7	10	41	34	46
D.C. United	28	13	10	5	45	39	44
Columbus	28	12	10	6	34	35	42
Montreal	30	12	15	3	44	49	39
New England	29	7	15	7	36	40	28
Philadelphia	26	7	13	6	26	31	27
Toronto	29	5	17	7	32	51	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-San Jose	28	17	6	5	58	33	56
Seattle	28	13	6	9	44	29	48
Real Salt Lake	29	14	11	4	38	33	46
Los Angeles	29	14	11	4	50	40	46
Vancouver	29	10	12	7	29	38	37
Dallas	30	9	12	9	35	38	36
Colorado	29	9	18	2	36	43	29
Chivas USA	27	7	13	7	21	43	28
Portland	28	7	14	7	28	47	28

x — clinched playoff berth.
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Kansas City at New York, 7 p.m.
Chivas USA at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Kansas City at Montreal, 1:30 p.m.
New York at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Houston at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Chivas USA at D.C. United, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND — FIRST LEG

Tuesday's results
GROUP A
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) 0 FC Porto (Portugal) 2
Paris Saint-Germain (France) 4 Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 1
GROUP B
Montpellier (France) 1 Arsenal (England) 2
Olympiakos (Greece) 1 Schalke (Germany) 2
GROUP C
Malaga (Spain) 3 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 0
AC Milan (Italy) 0 Anderlecht (Belgium) 0
GROUP D
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Ajax (Netherlands) 0
Real Madrid (Spain) 3 Manchester City (England) 2
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
GROUP E
Chelsea (England) vs. Juventus (Italy), 2:45 p.m.
Shaktar Donetsk (Ukraine) vs. Nordsjaelland (Denmark), 2:45 p.m.
GROUP F
Bayern Munich (Germany) vs. Valencia (Spain), 2:45 p.m.
Lille (France) vs. BATE Borisov (Belarus), 2:45 p.m.
GROUP G
Barcelona (Spain) vs. Spartak Moscow (Russia), 2:45 p.m.
Glasgow Celtic (Scotland) vs. Benfica (Portugal), 2:45 p.m.
GROUP H
Braga (Portugal) vs. Cluj (Romania), 2:45 p.m.
Manchester United (England) vs. Galatasaray (Turkey), 2:45 p.m.

NASL

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-San Antonio	26	13	6	7	44	23	46
x-Tampa Bay	26	12	7	7	36	29	43
x-Puerto Rico	27	11	9	7	31	29	40
x-Carolina	26	10	8	8	43	45	38
x-Fort Lauderdale	27	9	10	8	38	44	35
Minnesota	27	8	9	10	33	32	34
Atlanta	26	6	12	8	31	44	26
Edmonton	27	5	13	9	24	34	24

x — clinched playoff berth.
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Puerto Rico, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's games
Fort Lauderdale at Edmonton, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7:15 p.m.

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Look who's back again

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

Review. Same purpose as before, just in a totally different car

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Nostalgia ain't what it used to be — or so the saying goes — and that applies to Audi's 2013 allroad wagon that returns following an eight-model-year absence.

A lot has changed in the interim what with today's push to improve fuel performance and the subsequent powerplant downsizing by virtually every automaker. And so it is that the allroad (for some reason Audi doesn't capitalize it as a proper noun) re-enters the marketplace with the same degree of go-anywhere, all-wheel-drive Quattro swagger as before, but with a mere 211-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine at its disposal.

Previous allroads offered a base 250-horsepower turbo V6, or 300 horses worth of optional V8 to play with, along with a sorry-about-that concern toward fuel consumption.

Ah, but we're heading into 2013, where less is nearly always more, thanks to gigabytes of technological advancements.

For example, Audi states that the allroad (replacing the 2012 A4 Avant wagon) will accelerate to 100 km/h from rest in 6.7 seconds, much quicker than the V6 version circa 2005. The new model is also about 135 kilograms lighter and is rated at 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 7.4 on the highway, which is a darn sight better than the 14.8/9.4 rating that the last V6 allroad was tagged with.

Assisting in reducing consumption and maximizing overall performance is a standard eight-speed automatic transmission with manual shift controls.

The trim levels offer plenty of luxury options, but no matter how you outfit your allroad, the wagon's inspiring looks, performance and fuel efficiency will never have you longing for the nostalgia of the good ol' days.

Cargo

Cargo capacity with either the rear seats in place or folded flat is somewhat less than allroads of old and is also less than what's offered by direct competitors.

If you're wondering about the price paid for being smaller, you're looking at it.

A look at the allroad's rear.

2013 Audi allroad

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (211).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.4/7.4.
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $47,100.

Heavy on style

The allroad of today is a very handsome piece of work — arguably one of the best proportioned wagons on the market — from any angle.

The cats-eye-style headlight lenses stand guard over one of Audi's more massive grilles. As well, the darkened cladding extending along the sides and the lower portion of the rear bumper neatly contrast with the body colour. The standard 18-inch wheels (19-inchers are optional) fill the allroad's wheel arches almost to the brim. Ground clearance is 18 centimetres, which is 3.8 centimetres more than the outgoing A4 Avant.

That's certainly enough for more "allroad" conditions, but the car's real advantage is the permanently engaged all-wheel-drive.

The 18-inch wheels leave little fender-lip gap, which is a nice design touch. Despite its capabilities, the allroad thankfully doesn't have a jacked-up off-roader look.

Audis are all about giant look-at-me grilles and LED headlight accents.

By comparison

1 Volvo XC70
Base price: $45,700

2 Subaru Outback
Base price: $30,100

3 Mercedes-Benz E-class
Base price: $72,400

5 DRIVE

On the Web

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Winter is coming

Be prepared.
Sorry to be so blunt, but the truth is that those frigid months are on their way, so you better make sure your car is ready

Winter is a beautiful time to experience Canada. Unfortunately, it can also be a dangerous time, particularly when you are driving. Icy roads can be treacherous, and a dead battery can leave you stranded.

"Keeping your car in top form is especially important in winter," says Jeff Burke, president & CEO at Western Financial Group, an organization with services to protect individuals and families in this part of Canada. "Inspect your vehicle thoroughly before heading out onto the road, and make sure you have adequate insurance coverage."

Car Care Canada's website shares these winter maintenance tips:

Check the battery
If it is four years old or older, have it checked at a service station to make sure it will start in bitter temperatures.

Check the fluids
Top up power-steering, brake and transmission fluid; oil; and antifreeze/coolant. (Antifreeze/coolant should be flushed and refilled every two years or 50,000 kilometres.) Replace your windshield fluid with one specially formulated to cut through ice and snow.

Consider winter weight oil
Consult your owner's manual to see if a winter weight oil is recommended for cold months, and remember to change your oil every 5,000 kilometres.

Check the function of your heater, defroster, lights and windshield wipers
Replace your wiper blades every six months, and consider the added power of winter blades.

Change to snow tires
Traction is essential when you are driving on snow and ice. Winter tires offer traction, peace of mind and — often — a discount on your car insurance premium.

Repair cracks or dings in your windshield
Freezing temperatures can turn small nicks into gaping cracks that destroy your windshield. Have them repaired before it's too late.

Keep your gas tank at least half full
A fuller tank resists moisture/ice formation inside your gas line.

Be well-equipped
Keep these items in your vehicle in case of emergency: snow brush/ice scraper, booster cables, flashlight, first-aid kit, blanket, extra clothes, bottled water, snacks and necessary medications.

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The publicity of being on the Rubicon Trail is just as important as actually making it all 35 kilometres, from one end to the other. Photos like this show you that Jeep is tough, even if most buyers never set toe to a dirt road. CHRYSLER

Rubicon Trail keeps it real — and rocky

Auto Know. Letting it all hang out in an abyss of rocks and smashed off-roaders to prove just one point...

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Automakers test their vehicles in all sorts of climates and conditions to prove their worth and to get some publicity. When Dodge, Chevrolet or Nissan claim a quick lap at the Nürburgring race circuit in Germany, YouTube is buzzing with views of the videos. Of course, because it's an old and storied proving ground and the world's yardstick of speed.

But there's a proving ground that's older. Much older, actually. At 300 million years and counting, the Rubicon Trail quite literally rocks on.

Back then, various geological forces conspired to deform the land, eventually creating the mountainous landscape that has challenged anyone — or anything — foolish enough to cross it on foot, horseback, wagon or automobile. To borrow a line from a well-known song, 'if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere'.

The Rubicon Trail has been a challenge to humans for hundreds of years. In recent times it has also become an extreme test of endurance for machinery.

Rigorous testing is an important step that car companies take to ensure their products are able to perform as claimed. Virtually all manufacturers have extensive laboratories and facilities that allow their engineers and designers to see if their latest concepts will work as well as they appear on their computerized drawing boards. Carefully controlled and monitored tests allow for a thorough scrutiny of engines, suspension systems and brakes, as well as other critical components before any approval for mass production.

But testing conducted out in the real world — the really rugged world, that is — is just as important to manufacturers as their own in-house experiments. That's why fleets of prototypes are wrung out in the brutally cold winters of Northern Ontario as well as in the pavement-melting summer heat of the American south-west. Vehicles that can survive both extremes usually provide the kind of fail-safe performance that is expected of today's modern automobile.

For Chrysler's Jeep division, the final hurdle that extreme four-wheel-drive machines must cross is a stretch of rugged landscape known as the Rubicon Trail. The route begins a short distance north of Sacramento, Calif., and runs eastward through the Sierra Nevada mountain range until it reaches the western edge of Lake Tahoe near the California-Nevada border.

Although the Rubicon Trail winds for 22 miles (35 kilometres) through the protected areas of the Eldorado National Forest, it is most definitely not a walk — or drive — in the park. The mountainous region is considered to be the ultimate 4x4 challenge. Survive this excursion, and both you and your off-road motorized back-pack have accomplished an incredible feat.

Conquering the Rubicon was first accomplished by local Indian tribes hundreds of

years before any settlers arrived. The area was first surveyed in 1844 and became a route frequented by fur traders and miners shortly after.

But what put the Rubicon on the map was the discovery of a mineral springs in the area. This led not only to a thriving bottling and exporting business, but also brought in visitors looking to cure their various ailments. This eventually led to the construction of a hotel at Rubicon Springs. But by the 1920s, this once-flourishing attraction had lost its appeal and was eventually abandoned.

Back then, just like today, travellers heading into the Rubicon valley were forced to endure one of the harshest and most unpredictable trails around. Each spring and summer, the retreating ice and snow from the Sierra Nevadas significantly alters the man-made path, moving rocks and boulders, creating washouts from streams that become torrents due to the mountain run-off and generally creating a new set of obstacles for the back-country set to overcome.

However, one generation's hardship is another's pleasure. Since 1953, the Jeep Jamboree, made of a collection of hardy, modern-day fun-seekers, has taken its four-wheel-drive vehicles along the Rubicon Trail on a once-a-year motorized camp-out and rite of passage. The advantage of travelling convoy-style is that someone is always around to help ... or to help get more help.

Aside from this group, numerous motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle riders hit the trail, particularly on weekends during the summer months (the Rubicon is closed to vehicular traffic during the winter) when the area is swarming with prospective conquerors.

Part of the Rubicon's nature is that the trail is apt to rear up and bite at the first opportunity. Many an undercarriage has been damaged, bodywork smashed and kidneys bruised in the attempt to tame what passes for a trail. Nothing larger than the current-model Jeep Wrangler series is recommended for the Rubicon and anyone ignoring this advice usually winds up with some expensive and warranty-voiding damage by the time they make it to the end of the trail at Lake Tahoe (if they complete it at all).

Jeep-sponsored Jamborees take place throughout the United States and Canada each year. These events have been an excellent marketing tool for the company to demonstrate the strength of its products and to stay connected with what it hopes will be a loyal base of customers.

With breathtaking mountain scenery and equally breathtaking moments attempting to traverse a variety of naturally-produced obstacles, the Rubicon Trail provides one of the greatest all-time off-roading thrills to be found anywhere.

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British Car Day at Bronte Creek Provincial Park in Ontario welcomes lovely roadsters, like the Triumph TR3, and "others" like the Unicar and the Mini Pickup — as long as they're British. CONTRIBUTED

Do English cars make you "chuffed to bits" or do they make you "throw a wobbly?"

If you're like most car enthusiasts, it's probably both and that's likely the predominant pull of English cars. No other country has produced such a diverse array of vehicles to behold, and such a number of "quirky" ones, which can be simultaneously loved and hated at the same time.

That was my thought, at least, last Sunday, when I found myself at yet another British Car Day at Ontario's Bronte Creek Provincial Park (situated about halfway between Oakville and Burlington). It's billed as the largest one-day all-British car show on the continent, and on that point you'll get no argument from me.

By my reckoning there were at least 1,000 examples of Anglo iron on the park's grassy fields — everything from Rolls Royce to Austin to Lotus to Allard to MG to Land Rover to Morris to DeLorean to Jowett to Triumph to… well you get the idea.

But after a full day of enjoying the diversity and contradictions, I drove home with the nagging question: What is it about the English (and by extension the English auto industry) that made them go this way, to try so many different and wonderful tacks on the vehicle form?

I have my own theories but thought I should pick the brain of a Kevin "Crash" Corrigan, a fellow auto scribe who happens to be very British. Not sure where he exactly hails from in Britain, but my guess would be somewhere around Monty Python.

Anyways, we both believe a large part of it comes from the British tendency to "tinker" and to not leave well enough alone, to work away happily on something alone, or in small groups. This manifests itself in the large automotive "cottage industry" in England, past and present, where small firms populate the landscape, and provide a wide array of kit cars, repli-cars, specialty cars, exotics, racing cars, etc.

It seems everyone in Britain with an automotive vision will inevitably "have a go" at some point, trying to make their vision a manufacturing reality. Sometimes they work out brilliantly and for the long haul, like Jaguar, Lotus and McLaren, and sometimes they don't, like Apollo, Bond, Falcon, Guyson, Marcos, Sheen, Unicar, and so on. Either way it's win-win for people that love cars.

Crash suggested that this type of auto entrepreneur, possibly a "milkman with passion to create a car," is a less common sight in the North American industry, which seems populated more by "the industrialist type."

I'm sure there are other reasons the English industry developed the way it did, but we're out of time.

Crash has to find a larger amp fuse to put in the Land Rover, and I have to slide another drip tray under the Jaguar.

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We really hope this car was in 'park'

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. reaches for the checkered flag after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., on Saturday.

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Discs vs. drums: Which brakes are the best?

Disc brakes on a 2013 Hyundai Genesis Coupe; the brake disc is located behind the wheel. HYUNDAI CANADA

Driving Force.
Both utilize friction, but the newer option may be the better one

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Brakes talk

- Since brakes work by friction, the pads eventually wear down. Replacing them as soon as they are needed will reduce the risk of more expensive brake repairs.
- Have your brakes checked any time they make a grinding or squealing sound, or a continuous squeaking noise that goes away when you press the brake pedal. Also have them checked if the pedal goes closer to the floor than usual, or if the car pulls to one side when braking.
- High-performance brake discs often have holes or grooves cut into the rotors, to dissipate heat even faster.

Although the basic principles of car brakes haven't changed in more than a century, there have been steady improvements ever since. One of the more recent is the adoption of four-wheel disc brakes on many less-expensive models, replacing drum brakes on the rear wheels.

"The primary benefit to drum brakes is in the cost," says Michael Ricciuto, national manager of product and strategic planning for Hyundai Canada. "Drum brakes are fairly inexpensive to manufacture, but they heat up very quickly."

Disc brakes use metal rotors, which are located behind the wheels, and which turn with them. Over each disc is a metal bracket, called a caliper, which holds two brake pads, one for each side of the rotor. When you press the brake pedal, the caliper squeezes the pads against the rotor, slowing and then stopping it. (Imagine putting a pencil through the hole of a CD, spinning the disc, and then grabbing it with your fingers to stop it: that's how disc brakes work.)

Drum brakes also use friction to stop the vehicle, but they have heavy metal drums that turn with the wheels, with internal pads that push out against them to stop them from spinning. Because they're enclosed, they tend to hold friction heat, which can reduce their performance if they get too hot. All modern vehicles have disc brakes on the front wheels, which do about 70 per cent of the vehicle's total braking, but the rear wheels can have discs or drums, depending on the model.

"With drums, you're limited to the surface area you have to stop the car," Ricciuto says.

"There are two sides to the disc, so you double your surface area, plus you can make the disc bigger and increase the size of your pads.

"We put (four) disc brakes on our Accent, our entry-level car, because the braking is more linear and progressive, and has a much more natural feedback. For us, the overall performance is important."

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
No matter how good the deal you are being offered, you must think twice about it. In fact, the more others say it is an opportunity that is too good to miss, the more likely it is they're trying to trick you.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You can either go along with what other people expect of you, merely to keep them happy, or you can do what your conscience tells you is right, even though it might put friendships at risk. Only you can decide.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are torn between doing what you know to be right and doing what others expect you to do. Only you can decide which route to take, but maybe just this once you should be a bit selfish.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
The higher you climb, the more it will hurt if you fall. So, don't take anything for granted and don't take risks that can easily be avoided. Actions always have consequences, so wise up and go with the odds.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may wish you were somewhere else at the moment but you're not. You are where you are, and you have no choice but to see through what has been started. Be brave. It won't be as bad as you fear.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Your plans seem a bit vague at the moment but maybe that's no bad thing. Travel and social activities are likely to suffer from last minute setbacks today, but if you expect them they won't annoy you so much.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You would be wise not to make any decisions about what you own and what you earn. Things are unlikely to be as bad as they seem, so calm down and keep telling yourself that better days are coming soon.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to be too pushy today because other people are unlikely to stand for it. Uranus, planet of changes, at odds with your ruler Pluto means that upheavals are inevitable. But who says they won't be good?

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You won't be much in the mood for socializing today. Don't let your friends persuade you that getting out and about will do you good, because it won't. Curl up on the sofa with a good book for company.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Even best friends have days when they don't get along and with major planets in discordant positions right now, there may be harsh words. Take none of it seriously.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may think that a change of direction is what you need but you are advised not to make any moves yet because the planets are playing havoc with your ability to think straight. Minor adjustments only please.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Because you are bored, you may go over the top and do something outrageous. The consequences could be anything but amusing. Give yourself a challenge but make it one where you don't have to interact with other people.

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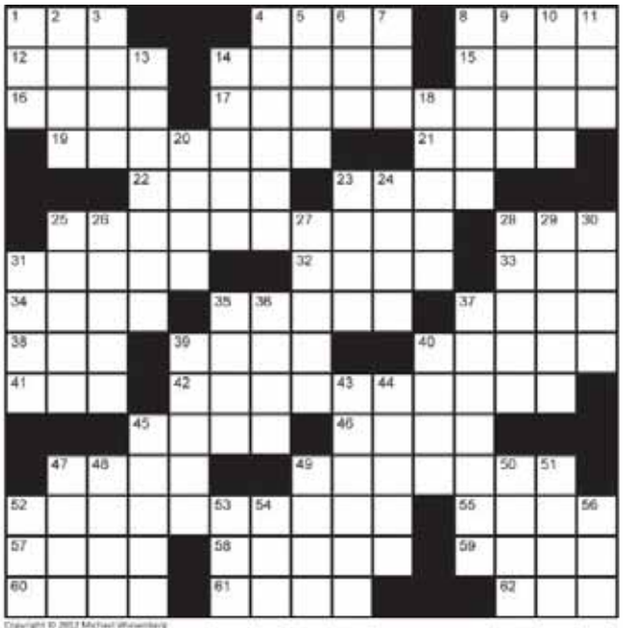
Crossword: Deja Vu

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Cheat (someone out of something)
4. Horn honk
8. Freeway exit
12. Homer Simpson's favourite bar
14. As ___: usually (2 wds.)
15. One of the Great Lakes
16. Foot covering
17. Canada's government
19. One of the Great Lakes
21. Where to find 7-Down
22. Boxing decisions, in brief
23. Circle around
25. Grammy and Juno award winning French-Canadian singer (2 wds.)
28. "Ten-hut!" yeller: Abbr.
31. Place of refuge
32. Salesmen, for short
33. ___ la la
34. Breezed through, as an exam
35. Architectural drawings
37. Place of refuge
38. Prohibition
39. Hockey disk
40. Canter and gallop
41. [Help!]
42. Efforts
45. Chooses
46. Perjurer
47. "___ oui!": certainly (Fr.)
49. Exchanged, as words, or, with "out," kicked around
52. Rainfall unit
55. Academic challenge
57. Ballet bend
58. Rock band rhythm providers
59. Dream: Fr.
60. Clairvoyant one
61. Talk back (to)
62. Place of refuge

Down
1. Chevys and Cads
2. BC National Park adjacent to Banff National Park
3. Lowly worker
4. Cook slowly in a covered pot
5. Currency of France or Italy
6. House wing
7. Maritime Province: initialism
8. Chart again
9. Greek counterpart of Mars (god of war)
10. After-dinner candy
11. Animal kept for companionship
13. Cleared one's debts
14. Culinary garb
18. A long, long time
20. Closely related (to)
23. Property claim held by a bank
24. "Uh oh"
25. Bean from which chocolate comes
26. Becomes balanced, with "out"
27. Admiral Sir Francis who circled the world in the16th century
28. Escalator alternative
29. Liberals, familiarly
30. Blackens the road
31. Montréal skaters, in the sports pages
35. Football kick
36. Digital readouts
37. PM Wilfrid
39. Coke alternative
40. Drive onward
43. Anti-theft-system components, often
44. Jungle growth
45. Edmonton NHL team member
47. 1,609 meters
48. "I cannot tell ___": George Washington (2 wds.)
49. A/C capacity measures
50. Crossed (out)
51. TV host Letterman
52. Canadian pols
53. Drs.
54. A time to remember
56. Chess or checkers pieces

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

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	1		4					
3	4					7		1
		5		9				3
8		3		4	2			
	9						2	
			1	7		8		6
6				8		3		
1		7					5	8
					3		4	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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